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Dear Chair

Elm CofE Primary School

Thank you for your response to my letter of 11 January 2017. I was grateful for the analysis you provided on why you believe your school has met the coasting definition this year, and for the information setting out the actions you have taken and intend to take to bring about rapid improvement.

Thank you for hosting Sai Patel on 7 February 2017. I was pleased to hear from Sai that the headteacher, Andy Howe, has accurately assessed what needs to be done in order to improve the school, and that he has a core focus on rapidly improving teaching and learning.

I have now reviewed the information you have provided alongside your school's wider context, achievement and overall provision. My decision, based on the evidence, is that you are providing pupils with the support they need to succeed. I am pleased to hear that you are looking to secure long-term support for your school, and that you already have plans in place to join the Diocese of Ely Multi-Academy Trust. I look forward to reviewing your school's progress over the course of this academic year, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continuing work to ensure that all pupils receive the support they need to succeed.

As set out in the Schools Causing Concern guidance, the governing body must inform parents that the school has fallen within the coasting definition and should keep parents informed about further developments, including what action will be taken to improve the performance of the school.

I would be grateful to hear from you this summer on the extent to which your work has ensured the school does not again meet the coasting criteria.

Yours sincerely

Tim Coulson
Regional Schools Commissioner, East of England and North East London