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Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2014

Dear Parent/Carers

Please find attached the report following the recent Ofsted Inspection at Billingshurst Primary School.

The inspectors found a great many positive aspects about the school's work and we are very pleased that these have been recognised. The inspectors saw how well the children behave around the school and in the classrooms; that children are safe and feel safe in our school and they recognised, and commented favourably on, the improvements that are evident and the progress made since the last inspection.

We have been working hard to make significant improvements in KS2 and specifically in how rapidly the children make progress in Years 3 to 6. The inspection report makes it clear that the impact of this work is evident. However the school's data for the previous 3 years, although showing improvements in English, has been below that expected. This data is the most important element when Ofsted are considering the judgements that they make and, as a result, they have judged the school as having Serious Weaknesses.

We have been clear, as leaders and governors, that this was a possible outcome at this expected inspection because of the data over the last three years. We have never underestimated the challenge to make sure the school improved rapidly. We are, however, determined that the progress of change and improvement will continue and increase in pace. The inspectors are clear that the Headteacher and Governors are implementing the right strategies, and that improvements are evident but they are also clear that the pace of change has not been quick enough.

Both Helen Williamson, Headteacher, and I know that parents will rightly have concerns and will be disappointed to read this report. I want all parents to know that your children's experience and quality of education at BPS is our absolute priority. We would like to invite all parents to a meeting at **7pm on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May** when you will be able to hear about what we are already doing, what further plans we are putting in place and how the school will be monitored over the period of time that we are in this category of Serious Weaknesses. Please do come along – you will have the opportunity to ask questions. To ease this process further, please do submit your question on the slip below before the meeting. This will allow all questions to be addressed and will allow us to make sure we have all the information to answer your question fully. There will not be the opportunity to ask further questions to the whole meeting but you will be able to speak to governors and the Headteacher individually at the end of the meeting. Please drop your questions into the office by hand or by email by 10am on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May.

The full report is also available from our website and should be available on the Ofsted website from tomorrow. I would ask you to read the report in full; the first page is a summary of the judgements but the main body of the report identifies the evidence and is positive of the work we are doing.

We look forward to seeing you on 6<sup>th</sup> May.

Yours sincerely

Alison Sutton  
Chair of Governing Body



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**Submission of questions for the Parents' Post-Ofsted Meeting 7pm Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May**

Name:

Child's class or year group:

Question for submission:

Please submit to the School Office by hand or email before 10am Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May

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