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Dear Simon,

The School to School Partnership Board has been looking at the criteria in the revised Local Authority Monitoring and Challenge document such as looking at unvalidated GCSE and post 16 data, attendance data and permanent exclusions data. This information has been used to provisionally band each secondary school.

This data plus information taken from the most recent Ofsted inspection, as well as guidance from the 'School to School Support Strategy' has been used to determine the banding of the school.

South Wirral High School has been provisionally graded as a Band 3 school. This is due to the school being judged by Ofsted as requires improvement in February 2017. In addition, the school's unvalidated 2017 GCSE results of the percentage of students attaining grade 4 or above in English and mathematics are 56%, expected progress measures from Key Stage 2 to Key Stage 4 are still to be released and when Progress 8 data is validated the Local Authority will know whether the school is above or below current DfE floor standards.

As a Band 3 school a representative from the School Improvement Team (Alison Simpson) will arrange a Schools Causing Concern meeting every half term. The purpose of the meetings is to support and challenge the school leadership team. It also provides the opportunity for you to share areas for support as well as the celebration of successes. It would be useful to have a copy of the School Development which addresses these issues and a timeframe with measureable outcomes.

Please be reassured that this process is to support your school and to ensure that the Local Authority has a good knowledge of your school's strengths and areas for development. The process enables the Local Authority to provide support during HMI visits and school inspections.

Yours sincerely,

