

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

Mail Stop 3561

August 25, 2016

Coram Williams Chief Financial Officer Pearson plc 80 Strand London, WC2R 0RL United Kingdom

Re: Pearson plc

Form 20-F for the Year Ended December 31, 2015

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Dear Mr. Williams:

We have completed our review of your filing. We remind you that our comments or changes to disclosure in response to our comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the company or the filing and the company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States. We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filing to be certain that the filing includes the information the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and all applicable rules require.

Sincerely,

/s/ Andrew Mew

Andrew Mew Senior Assistant Chief Accountant Office of Transportation and Leisure