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Dear Lynne,

Further to my letter of 6 December, which updated you on the Schools Challenge Cymru transition plans, I have attached the verified GCSE results for Pathways to Success schools (Doc1). This table shows the attainment of L2 Inclusive in Pathways to Success schools between 2014 – 2016.

In summary, the verified results show that when looking at progress after 2 years, attainment of the Level 2 Inclusive across Pathways to Success schools has improved by 7.0 percentage points, with 34 (87%) of the schools securing improvements in this measure. Attainment of the Level 2 Inclusive for FSM pupils across Pathways to Success schools has improved by 8.2 percentage points, with 29 (74%) of the schools securing improvements in this measure.

You will also be aware that I have announced additional funding for the delivery of advisory support in Pathways to Success schools until the end of the academic year. This funding will be directed to the Regional Consortia for them to determine how it should be allocated to aide transition.

Furthermore, while the majority of Pathways to Success schools secured improvements, and the percentage of learners across Wales earning 5 good GCSEs is at an all time high, I remain concerned by the variations that exist between our highest and lowest performing schools. I have therefore asked my officials to explore with the Education Consortia what additional targeted work could be undertaken to accelerate improvement in our schools. A further announcement will be made in due course.

Yours sincerely

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KS4 attainment of those in Year 11/15 year olds by school - Pathways to Success

Notes

Based on pupils in year 11 for 2016, previous data based on pupils aged 15 on 31 August at the start of the academic year.

Only includes maintained mainstream secondary schools

Caution should be used when analysing the data, since due to the very small numbers of FSM pupils in some schools, results can fluctuate from year to year. Pupil numbers are shown as a guide.

." The data item is not applicable

LA Code	LA Name	School Code	School Name	No. of pupils in year 11 in 2016	% all pupils achieving L2 inc						No. e-FSM pupils in year 11 in 2016	% e-FSM pupils achieving L2 inc					
					2014	2015	2016	Change 2014 to 2015	Change 2015 to 2016	Change 2014 to 2016		2014	2015	2016	Change 2014 to 2015	Change (2015 to 2016)	Change 2014 to 2016
660	Isle of Anglesey	4026	Ysgol Uwchradd Caergybi	137	43.4	48.6	48.2	5.2	-0.4	4.8	24	48.0	40.6	25.0	-7.4	-15.6	-23.0
664	Flintshire	4012	Ysgol Treffynnon	68	43.6	37.6	50.0	-6.0	12.4	6.4	18	33.3	16.7	22.2	-16.7	5.6	-11.1
665	Wrexham	4033	Ysgol Bryn Alyn	156	47.4	48.1	48.7	0.7	0.6	1.3	29	40.0	22.2	20.7	-17.8	-1.5	-19.3
665	Wrexham	4048	Rhosnesni High School	179	50.5	49.0	49.7	-1.5	0.7	-0.8	35	15.8	25.6	14.3	9.9	-11.4	-1.5
665	Wrexham	4049	Ysgol Clywedog	159	48.5	52.8	46.5	4.4	-6.3	-1.9	27	20.5	26.7	22.2	6.2	-4.4	1.8
668	Pembrokeshire	4063	Milford Haven School	151	38.0	43.3	51.7	5.3	8.3	13.6	29	33.3	27.5	41.4	-5.8	13.9	8.0
669	Carmarthenshire	4065	Ysgol Bro Dinefwr	172	70.7	63.3	72.7	-7.4	9.4	1.9	18	35.7	45.0	66.7	9.3	21.7	31.0
670	Swansea	4033	Morrison Comprehensive	163	49.7	46.3	62.6	-3.4	16.3	12.9	29	15.0	22.9	44.8	7.9	22.0	29.8
670	Swansea	4043	Pentrefafod School	197	44.3	52.7	53.3	8.4	0.6	9.0	47	26.9	30.2	29.8	3.4	-0.4	2.9
672	Bridgend	4086	Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen	226	39.9	44.0	55.8	4.1	11.7	15.8	52	12.8	34.0	40.4	21.3	6.3	27.6
673	The Vale of Glamorgan	4061	Barry Comprehensive School	158	37.4	50.0	62.7	12.6	12.7	25.3	32	18.9	22.6	46.9	3.7	24.3	28.0
674	Rhondda Cynon Taf	4022	The Pontypridd High School	170	52.4	53.3	61.8	0.9	8.5	9.4	31	30.3	11.5	29.0	-18.8	17.5	-1.3
674	Rhondda Cynon Taf	4027	Hawthorn High School	136	40.5	49.3	61.8	8.8	12.4	21.3	39	16.1	29.3	41.0	13.1	11.8	24.9
674	Rhondda Cynon Taf	4057	Tonyrefail School	142	52.1	47.2	60.6	-4.9	13.3	8.4	31	23.7	18.8	35.5	-4.9	16.7	11.8
674	Rhondda Cynon Taf	4087	Porth County Community	156	47.2	47.5	51.9	0.3	4.4	4.7	36	27.9	30.3	33.3	2.4	3.0	5.4
674	Rhondda Cynon Taf	4095	Tonypanyd Community College	131	30.5	49.2	51.9	18.7	2.7	21.4	33	5.9	24.1	27.3	18.3	3.1	21.4
675	Merthyr Tydfil	4011	Afon Taf High School	148	51.2	48.2	58.1	-3.0	9.9	6.9	28	24.2	16.1	46.4	-8.1	30.3	22.2
675	Merthyr Tydfil	4012	Pen-Y-Dre High School	97	33.9	39.1	52.6	5.2	13.4	18.7	28	8.3	24.4	28.6	16.1	4.2	20.2
675	Merthyr Tydfil	4600	Bishop Hedley High School	84	60.4	64.0	60.7	3.6	-3.3	0.3	11	40.9	54.2	36.4	13.3	-17.8	-4.5
676	Caerphilly	4046	Blackwood Comprehensive School	197	48.8	59.8	57.9	11.0	-1.9	9.1	35	25.0	36.4	28.6	11.4	-7.8	3.6
676	Caerphilly	4065	St Cenydd School	186	37.9	50.0	41.9	12.1	-8.1	4.0	35	17.4	19.5	25.7	2.1	6.2	8.3
676	Caerphilly	4070	St Martin's School	137	50.3	52.3	64.2	2.0	11.9	14.0	23	25.0	6.9	34.8	-18.1	27.9	9.8
676	Caerphilly	4073	Heolddu Comprehensive School	122	35.9	48.9	44.3	13.0	-4.7	8.3	39	25.0	29.4	25.6	4.4	-3.8	0.6
676	Caerphilly	4093	Bedwas High School	102	44.1	35.0	51.0	-9.0	15.9	6.9	27	13.0	19.2	40.7	6.2	21.5	27.7
677	Blaenau Gwent	4061	Tredegar Comprehensive School	134	41.6	52.4	53.7	10.9	1.3	12.2	29	27.3	38.0	41.4	10.7	3.4	14.1
677	Blaenau Gwent	4074	Abertillery Comprehensive	136	23.1	34.4	41.2	11.3	6.8	18.1	45	8.5	15.8	28.9	7.3	13.1	20.4
677	Blaenau Gwent	5500	Ebbw Fawr Learning Community	229	53.0	54.3	42.8	1.4	-11.6	-10.2	44	28.0	30.8	25.0	2.8	-5.8	-3.0
678	Torfaen	4070	Abersychan Comprehensive	165	49.2	48.7	41.2	-0.5	-7.5	-8.0	36	24.1	35.1	16.7	11.1	-18.5	-7.4
678	Torfaen	4072	West Monmouth School	143	48.0	56.9	52.4	8.9	-4.5	4.4	26	32.3	22.7	30.8	-9.5	8.0	-1.5
678	Torfaen	4076	Cwmbran High School	213	46.7	46.8	39.0	0.1	-7.8	-7.7	55	27.9	29.6	14.5	1.8	-15.1	-13.3
680	Newport	4003	St Julian's School	249	50.7	46.6	51.0	-4.1	4.4	0.3	37	18.0	18.6	21.6	0.6	3.0	3.6
680	Newport	4021	Llanwern High School	137	40.8	45.7	44.5	4.9	-1.2	3.7	46	26.8	28.9	39.1	2.1	10.2	12.3
680	Newport	4026	Lliswerry High School	177	40.2	41.3	53.7	1.1	12.4	13.5	45	25.5	31.7	35.6	6.2	3.8	10.0
681	Cardiff	4035	Glyn Derw High School	66	25.6	23.9	28.8	-1.8	4.9	3.1	25	18.6	14.7	24.0	-3.9	9.3	5.4
681	Cardiff	4041	Willows High School	123	49.7	46.9	52.8	-2.8	6.0	3.2	47	37.7	32.3	44.7	-5.4	12.4	6.9
681	Cardiff	4049	Cantonian High School	71	35.8	45.0	50.7	9.2	5.7	14.9	15	14.3	30.0	40.0	15.7	10.0	25.7
681	Cardiff	4073	Michaelston Community College	89	21.5	25.2	24.7	3.8	-0.5	3.2	38	8.6	14.7	15.8	6.1	1.1	7.2
681	Cardiff	4076	Eastern High School	174	22.4	14.9	25.9	-7.5	10.9	3.4	74	9.7	10.8	16.2	1.1	5.4	6.5
681	Cardiff	4600	St. Illtyd's Catholic High School	163	45.7	46.1	55.2	0.4	9.1	9.5	32	44.0	27.9	50.0	-16.1	22.1	6.0
Total				5,843	44.0	47.0	51.1	3.0	4.0	7.0	1,330	22.7	26.0	30.9	3.3	4.9	8.2