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Dear Sir Andrew,

School-level examination statistics

Thank you for your letter dated the 5 August 2013 containing your monitoring review of school-level examination statistics. I was glad to see that you agree with the principles of publishing school-level examination data and recognise that such information is in the public interest.

We have worked hard to ensure that the performance tables meet our users needs and have shared with you the positive feedback we have received via our online survey. There is always room for improvement and we welcome your views on how we can improve and clarify the guidance further.

We will undertake a review of our pre-release arrangements in due course and share the findings with you.

We agree with your recommendation that the performance tables should be assessed against the Code of Practice for Official Statistics and are happy for this to take place as soon as it is convenient for both organisations.

Yours sincerely,

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