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Dear Mr. Baines,

2012 SIMILAR SCHOOLS PERFORMANCE TABLES

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate you on your excellent performance in the new similar schools measure in the 2012 School Performance Tables. You are one of the 105 top performing primary schools in England on this measure.

These tables compare schools with those with near identical intakes, as judged by their key stage 1 attainment. Your school stood out in two ways. First, you were ranked number one in your table. Second, over 20 per cent more of your pupils achieved a level 4 or above in English and maths than is typical of a school with your intake. This is a fantastic achievement that you should be very proud of.

I congratulate your staff, governors and pupils for their hard work and thank you for your leadership. I would, however, make one request of you. Please try to think about how you can work with other schools, in your area or further away, so that all children get the chance to go to a school which is as good as yours.

Yours sincerely

David Laws MP