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Dear Parents and Carers

I thought I would drop you a line with some good news regarding the outcomes achieved for children last year in our schools. The data for primary and secondary schools has now been validated nationally and the Midsomer Norton Schools' Partnership schools are at or close to being the top performers across the South West. The results achieved by our children are also strong when compared with Trusts of schools nationally.

In Early Years, 79% of our Reception children achieved a 'Good Level of Development', which is nearly 10% above national rates.

In the Phonics Screening Test for Year 1 children, 83% of pupils in the Trust passed, compared to 76% nationally. At Key Stage 2, 65% of pupils met or exceeded the national standard in Reading, Writing and Maths combined, compared to a national score of 58%.

At Key stage 4 (GCSE), our 10 secondary schools performed exceptionally well and recorded a combined progress 8 score of +0.23. This places the schools as a group, amongst the highest performers nationally.

There have been some stunning individual performances from schools as well. Somerset Studio School for example, was the highest scoring Individual school for maths in BANES and Somerset. Norton Hill, Writhlington, St Mark's, St Dunstan's and Beechen Cliff all achieved results which are categorised nationally as being 'significantly above average'. The two Yeovil schools (Buckler's Mead and Preston) are now in the top 10 schools in Somerset and saw significant improvement in results, bucking the trend seen in Somerset as a whole. Hayesfield Girls' School was the highest performing school for progress overall in BANES and Somerset and extremely strong in terms of results for English.

As always, I remain deeply proud of our children and staff. They work so hard and whilst results are not everything in education, they are an important measure of educational standards and impact. Thank you also to all parents and carers for your support – a real team effort!

I do hope you enjoy half term.

Alun Williams
CEO

