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Dear Mr David Roundtree,

Selection for the PIRLS 2026 Main Study

As we approach the National Year of Reading, I am delighted to inform you that Scholes (Elmet) Primary School has been selected to take part in the international Progress in Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS). Depending on the size of your school, the study will take place with one or two classes of your year 5 pupils on a date of your choosing between 18th May and 3rd July 2026.

The PIRLS study provides valuable information on the reading skills of 9- to 10-year-old pupils and is a unique opportunity to understand how factors such as school context and pupils' characteristics and attitudes interact with pupil performance worldwide. Your school's involvement in this research is integral to our mission of breaking down barriers to opportunity. The insights gained will inform our efforts to build an education system where every child has an equal chance to thrive, regardless of their starting point in life.

Please be assured that you will receive the full support of Pearson Education, which the Department for Education has appointed to administer the study in England. Pearson's officials will be in touch in the coming days with further information. They will also assist you throughout to ensure that the study is carried out smoothly.

Thank you in advance for participating in PIRLS. It is only through your support that we can continue to set the highest standards in education and ensure that all pupils across the country have a bright future. I hope that you find it a rewarding and enjoyable experience.

Yours sincerely,

PERMANENT SECRETARY