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Our ref: 1484228 **Your ref: Date:** 3 June 2016

Dear < Redacted>

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Your request for information has been considered by Warwickshire County Council under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please accept my apology for the slight delay in providing our response and for any inconvenience this may have caused. However, I hope that the information now being provided is still of help and interest to you.

You asked us:

Please confirm whether any questions were removed from marking for any of the selective tests used in Warwickshire over the past 5 years after the tests were taken.

If so, state why they were removed and whether parents were informed or not. If not, why was this hidden from them and whose decision it was.

We are aware of one incident in relation to the test papers administered from

September 2012 for 2013 entry, where questions were not included as part of the marking process after the test had been sat by the majority of candidates. Two questions were left unmarked for all candidates within a Verbal Reasoning section.

This decision was taken by CEM (University of Durham), who are the test providers for WCC, for the reasons that you already aware of and have quoted in your request. The Council accepted their professional advice. Parents were not informed because all candidates were treated in the same way.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Phone: 0303 123 1113 Website: www.ico.gov.uk

I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours sincerely

Jonathan Sheward Information Rights Officer

