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PEARSON PLC – SIMPLIFICATION OF GROUP STRUCTURE

Pearson plc (**Pearson**) together with its subsidiary Pearson Funding plc (the **Company**), hereby announce the completion of the process undertaken by Pearson to simplify the structure of the Pearson group, as referred to in the announcement dated 2 September 2019.

The Company is the issuer in respect of three series of outstanding Notes: EUR 500,000,000 1.875% Guaranteed Notes due 2021 (ISIN: XS1068765418) (of which EUR 194,557,000 in principal amount are outstanding), EUR 500,000,000 1.375% Guaranteed Notes due 2025 (ISIN: XS1228153661) (of which EUR 300,000,000 in principal amount are outstanding) and U.S.\$500,000,000 3.250% Guaranteed Notes due 2023 (Regulation S ISIN: USG6964RAA26; Rule 144A ISIN: US70501VAA61) (of which U.S.\$94,176,000 in principal amount are outstanding), all of which are guaranteed by Pearson.

With effect from 4 September 2019, the assets and liabilities of Pearson's subsidiary Pearson Funding Four plc (**PF4**) were transferred to the Company (the **Transfer**). Immediately following the completion of the Transfer, the Company replaced PF4 as the issuer in respect of U.S.\$500,000,000 3.750% Guaranteed Notes due 2022 (the **2022 Notes**) (Regulation S ISIN: ISIN: USG6964QAA43; Rule 144A ISIN: US705011AA25) (of which U.S.\$117,273,000 in principal amount are outstanding), pursuant to the terms of the Indenture dated 8 May 2012. The Company is now the issuer in respect of all outstanding debt securities of the Pearson group.