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In response to the prime minister's proposal for all pupils in England to study maths until age 18

Stian Westlake, Chief Executive of the Royal Statistical Society, said:

“The promise to teach some maths to all pupils in England up to the age of 18 is an important and worthwhile statement of ambition. Numeracy, statistical literacy and the ability to make sense of data are becoming more and more important in all walks of life, and it makes sense to give all young people a chance to develop these skills.

“The plan will require significant reform and investment, especially in training new maths teachers, as former RSS president Sir Adrian Smith observed in his 2017 review of maths education. We look forward to seeing how these measures will be put in place and supporting the plan.”