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2013 PRIMARY SCHOOL PERFORMANCE TABLES – DISADVANTAGED PUPILS

Dear Mrs. Hinton,

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate you on the excellent performance of your disadvantaged pupils in the 2013 national key stage 2 tests as published on the 12 December 2013.

Your results show that you are amongst the 250 top performing schools in the country in terms of the progress your disadvantaged pupils make between key stage 1 and the end of key stage 2, and their attainment at the end of the key stage. Your school is exceptionally effective in educating your disadvantaged pupils.

It is clear that you and your staff have provided your disadvantaged pupils with a good start in life and a strong springboard into secondary education. This assessment is based on the percentage of your disadvantaged pupils achieving level 4b in reading and mathematics, and level 4 or above in writing, and their value added scores.

With the pupil premium rising to £1300 from April 2014, I believe that primary schools will have the additional resources needed to continue to raise attainment of disadvantaged pupils and close the attainment gap. This is critical to breaking the link between poverty and education outcomes and improving social mobility.

We also need excellent school leaders to support other schools. You may, of course, be doing this but if you would like to know more about what you can do, please email our Pupil Premium Champion, Dr. John Dunford, at pupilpremium.champion@education.gsi.gov.uk.

Thank you for your leadership in prioritising disadvantaged pupils' performance in your school; the results are a real testament to this and the hard work of your staff, governors, parents and pupils.

Yours sincerely,

David Laws MP