



DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER
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From the Deputy Prime Minister

7 March 2013

Dear Mrs Mason,

Celebrating the Pupil Premium – the 2013 Pupil Premium Awards

I am writing to congratulate you and your colleagues on the improvements that you have made to the results of pupils eligible for the Pupil Premium.

The most recently available Key Stage results show that you are among the top performing schools in England for boosting the performance of disadvantaged pupils since the Pupil Premium was introduced. This is a real testament to the hard work of staff, pupils, parents and governors. I would like to congratulate you on your results and your proven commitment to making sure all children can succeed, whatever their background.

Last year I announced the introduction of awards of up to £10,000 for schools that have done the most to boost the attainment of their disadvantaged pupils. The 2013 Pupil Premium Awards will be an opportunity to showcase innovative and effective practice and to give some public recognition to those schools that are excelling in raising the attainment of disadvantaged pupils.

All schools in England can apply but, building on the success demonstrated by your performance data, I would like to personally encourage you to participate by submitting a testimony which demonstrates how you have used the Pupil Premium, and to what effect.

The awards will be judged by an independent panel of expert judges. Regional winners will be invited to an awards reception in London where the overall winners will be announced.

The Pupil Premium Awards are being run in partnership with *TES*. More detail on how to apply is available at www.education.gov.uk and www.pupilpremiumawards.co.uk. The closing date is 17 April.

Whether or not you do choose to enter, may I once again thank you for all that you and your colleagues are doing. I wish you continuing success.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nick Clegg". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

NICK CLEGG

Mrs Mason