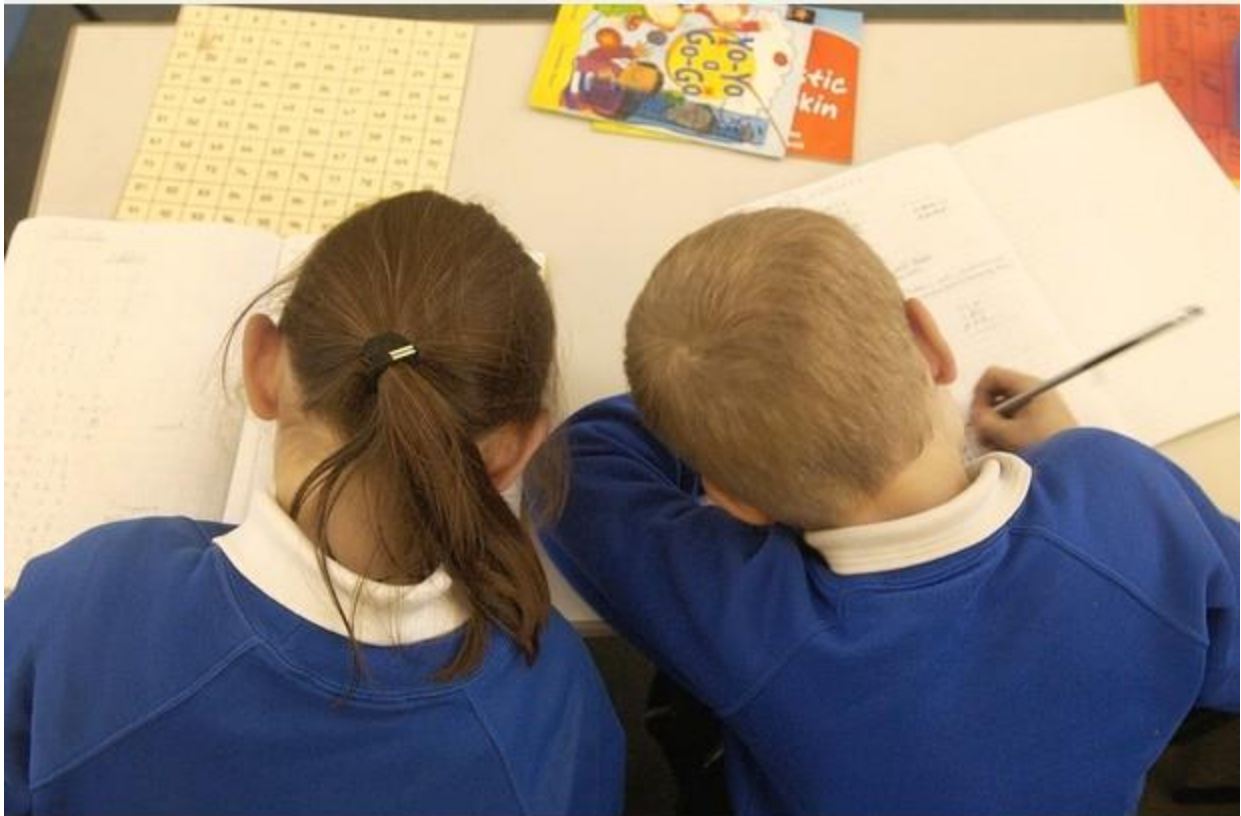


# Primary schools in Leicestershire get 'well-done' letters from Government for top results in tests

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Ten primary schools across the city and county have been sent congratulatory letters by the Government after achieving top results in tests for 11-year-olds.

The schools were either among the best in attainment, in the progress made by all pupils or in the progress of disadvantaged pupils across the whole country.

Taylor Road, in St Matthew's, Leicester, is situated in one of the most disadvantaged areas of the city and was congratulated for not only being among the top 250 schools in the country for progress of all pupils, but also for being among the best in supporting disadvantaged youngsters.

It came after 92 per cent of pupils at the school achieved the appropriate level for their age in reading, writing and maths in the summer.

Head teacher Chris Hassell said: "It shows that we do make a genuine difference to children's life chances from when they start at the school to when they leave.

"I'm delighted to have received this letter in recognition of the hard work staff and children put it."

Schools minister David Laws' letter said: "Your school is exceptionally effective. It is clear that you and your staff have provided them with a good start in life and a strong springboard into secondary education."

Packington Church of England Primary, in Ashby, was among the top schools in the country for attainment last summer.

A letter from Mr Laws to the headteacher, Carol Price, said: "Your results show that 100 per cent gained level four or above in reading, writing and maths.

"This makes you one of only 159 schools in the country to achieve this level.

"Mastery of these subjects is critical to success at secondary school and beyond, so these pupils now have given themselves a really good start for the next stage of their education."

Mrs Price said: "Lots of hard work is involved in this, so it feels really good to get this letter. For the past three years our results have put us in the top one per cent of schools nationally – now we have recognition of this."

Lyndsey Beckett, head of Sherrier C of E Primary, in Lutterworth, was also congratulated for the progress of all pupils.

She said: "Any positive recognition from the Government for the hard work that goes on in all schools is welcomed. We're extremely pleased with the progress children have made in all aspects of their learning."

Figures released by the Department for Education last month showed that, in Leicester, 75 per cent of pupils achieved the appropriate level in reading, writing and maths in 2013, an increase of four per cent on the previous year.

In Leicestershire, 74 per cent of pupils achieved the appropriate level this year, compared to 76 per cent in 2012.

**The 10 schools are:**

Schools which received letters are:

Attainment, top 159 in the country:

Packington Church of England Primary, Ashby.

Sir John Moore Church of England Primary, Appleby Magna.

Scalford Church of England Primary, Melton.

Stathern Primary, Melton.

Slater Primary, Frog Island, Leicester.

Progress of all pupils, top 250 in the country:

Sherrier Church of England Primary, Lutterworth.

Townlands Church of England Primary, Earl Shilton.

Progress of all pupils and disadvantaged youngsters, top 250 in the country:

Taylor Road Primary, St Matthew's, Leicester.

Sparkenhoe Community Primary, Highfields, Leicester.

Progress of disadvantaged pupils, top 250 in the country:

Wolsey House Primary, Beaumont Leys.

Read more: <http://www.leicestermercury.co.uk/red-letter-day-schools-earn-level-praise/story-20425883-detail/story.html#ixzz2qDB18fJp>