



**DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER**  
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From the Deputy Prime Minister

*Dear Mrs Maudsley,*

**The 2013 Pupil Premium Awards**

Thank you for entering St John's Catholic Primary School for the Pupil Premium Awards. The adjudication of the entries recently took place, carried out by a panel of independent education experts chaired by Dr Kevan Collins of the Education Endowment Foundation.

**I am absolutely delighted to tell you that St John's Catholic Primary School has been judged the best of all the primary schools entering from the North West.** This is a wonderful testimony to the excellent work that you and your staff have been doing to boost the attainment of disadvantaged pupils through your use of the Pupil Premium. Among other features, the judges were impressed by your school's use of the Pupil Premium to support a very wide range of curriculum enrichment, music and opportunities to learn foreign languages.

No child's prospects in life should be held back by their circumstances and we know that educational attainment is what will help them most. I am absolutely determined that we will narrow attainment gaps and it is through the efforts of schools such as yours that we will do it. That is why we are investing £900 for each Pupil Premium pupil this year and our total annual investment will be £2.5 billion by 2014-15.

As a regional winner, your school will receive a formal invitation to the national final, which I am hosting in London on 8 July, where the overall winners and runners up will be announced. My team will be in touch with you shortly about the arrangements and I do hope that I will have the chance to meet you and your guest on the day.

I hope that you and your colleagues will all be very pleased about and rightly proud of this news. Please accept my warmest congratulations and heartfelt thanks to everyone who has played their part in this splendid achievement.

*Yours sincerely,*  
*Nick Clegg*  
**NICK CLEGG**

Miss Maudsley