



Department  
for Education

Dear Mr Milner,

I am writing to congratulate you on your school's outstanding achievement in the 2022 Phonics Screening Check.

We want to ensure every child develops a firm grasp of phonics as the basis on which to improve literacy. As such I was delighted to see your results which are particularly impressive given this was the first year of administering the Phonics Screening Check (PSC) following the pandemic.

With 100 per cent of pupils in Year 1 meeting the expected standard in the check, your school is in the top 1 per cent of all primary schools in the country.

The latest figures show that 85 per cent of pupils who met the expected standard in the check went on to achieve at least the expected standard in reading at key stage 2 in 2022, which underlines the importance of developing the ability to decode words effectively at an early age.

Your particular success in teaching phonics and early reading so effectively means your pupils are developing a firm foundation, from which they can become increasingly fluent and develop a lifelong love of reading.

I would like to thank you for your commitment and success in this vital area of a child's early education and congratulate you and your staff again on all you have achieved.

Yours sincerely,

**The Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP**

**Minister for Schools**