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Dear Sara,

Disadvantaged attainment gap in Warwickshire schools: celebrating good practice. **Newton Regis Church of England Primary School**

As you will know, closing the disadvantaged attainment gap has been a high priority for the Local Authority for many years and has had an increased focus since summer 2022. Part of this focus has included the establishment of two key groups:

- The Education Challenge Board established a Disadvantaged Sub-group with the aim of identifying how Warwickshire schools can make a difference through a positive, solution-based approach.
- Full Council established an Education Attainment Cross Party Task and Finish Group to investigate within Warwickshire the major contributing factors to the discrepancy of education attainment and what can make a positive difference.

A review of performance data undertaken through the above workstreams has identified schools who had improved or maintained the size of their disadvantaged attainment gap in 2022, despite the potential impact of the pandemic on their pupil's performance. It also recognised those schools whose attainment gaps are smaller than the national attainment gap across the majority of performance measures.


Following the review we are writing on behalf of these two groups to congratulate you and your school on the strong performance of your disadvantaged pupils in last summer's performance data.

We know that the performance of your disadvantaged children will be strong because of the good practice in your school. Following your school's achievement, we would be grateful if you could spare a few minutes to answer some questions with the aim of enabling us to gather information on what makes a difference in Warwickshire schools so we can disseminate more widely. The google form shouldn't take you more than ten minutes and is available here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/bFhJK50pkE>

We would like to finish by thanking you and your staff for all the hard work you do in your school, doing the best for your children, young people, staff and communities.

Yours sincerely,



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