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Dear Mrs Hodgson,

I am writing to congratulate you on your school's achievements in the 2022 multiplication tables check.

Your average pupil score of 24.8 out of 25 makes Preston CofE Primary School one of the top 200 performing schools in England for the multiplication tables check. The excellent achievement of your pupils is something the Government hopes to see replicated in schools across the country.

Knowing times tables is vital for school and day-to-day life. Recalling multiplication and division facts up to 12x12 is important for progression in maths. That is why we recently introduced these checks, as a helpful tool for teachers to identify those pupils who need extra support.

I would like both to congratulate your staff and pupils for their hard work and success and to thank you for your leadership in continuing to promote the important subject of mathematics.

Yours sincerely,

The Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP

**Minister for Schools**