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My Ref: PA / TK 009 Your Ref: Date: 20 January 2017

Dear Mr Donoghue

Proposal to establish a Free School in Burton upon Trent


Thank you for contacting the Local Authority concerning your proposal to establish a primary Free School in Burton upon Trent. I understand that you have had productive discussions with our School Organisation Team and this project should dovetail appropriately with our building and expansion plans for the district of East Staffordshire and more specifically the West of Burton upon Trent.

Furthermore, I have had the opportunity to discuss this proposal with the Cabinet Member for Learning and Skills and my officers and it is felt that your outline proposal would be one we could strongly support given your background of working successfully in the locality and maintaining the outstanding status at John Taylor High School. I am also aware that John Taylor High School and the Local Authority have worked well together over a number of years and that you have continued to expand the Trust locally.

The plans for a new 2FE primary, expanding to a possible 3FE, school are to meet the needs of the current families in Burton but also for future families who move into the town as a result of the continuing housing growth. Our assessment of need for the new school is 2FE in Reception from 2018 which is in line with population growth.

I look forward to working with you in achieving the above and can offer the Local Authority's full support for the project should your application be successful

Yours sincerely



Philip Atkins, OBE
Leader of the Council

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