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15th June 2017

Dear Kevin,

Re: Lowbrook Academy Expansion & the full council meeting on 19th June 2017

We are writing to you today as once again we find ourselves in a situation where we have received no communication from the local authority in nearly a month. As per your letter dated 18th May 2017, we were expecting to receive a copy of the paper due for consideration at the full council meeting on 19th June 2017.

As stated in our response letter to you on 23rd May 2017, we would be happy to provide input into the key areas and supporting documentation. Please can you confirm when we can expect to receive a copy of this report before the full meeting on the 19th June? Your letter of the 5th May 2017 stated, "Council officers will prepare a paper for consideration at full council meeting and we would welcome input into the key areas."

Furthermore, we also advised you of the points of contact for this project and requested that all members of the Lowbrook project team be included in the circulation of documents relating to the development of proposals for the future expansion of the Academy. To date they have received no correspondence from you following your letter dated 18th May 2017. Our key points made in our letter dated 5th May remain unanswered. It is also highly disappointing that on the 18th May you asked us to keep the process private and subsequently shared our correspondence to parents.

Equally, it is highly inappropriate to not share the paper, which you asked us to have input into (yet have not been given the opportunity to), only for the Leader of the Council to leak information via his Twitter account such as: "The number I have just been shown suggests a cost of £3.35m, 2 x the original budget." **Please provide us with a full rationale behind these acts.**

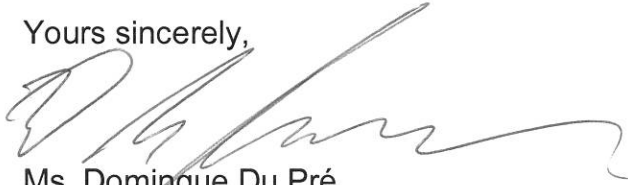
The Academy has made every effort to keep the doors of communication open, and to regularly update our local community and parent body. However, this becomes challenging when there is little or no response from the RBWM. We now need to



update our parent body and request that you immediately provide a copy of the paper due for consideration at the full council meeting on Monday.

Due to the ongoing delays by the RBWM in this expansion project, which are well documented, we have missed critical deadlines such as National Offer Days and teacher recruitment. Therefore, as previously stated, we are not able to take 60 pupils in September 2017 and will be accepting our published PAN of 30 and this will take us to full capacity for the academic year ahead. The Governors continue to explore options in relation to this cohort beyond September but are reliant on open, honest and timely communication from the RBWM.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair of Governors

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