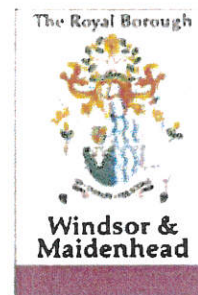


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Dear Dave,

Thank you for your letter, of 23 May, to Kevin McDaniel outlining how Lowbrook Academy could accommodate an extra 30 pupils in September as part of an expansion to become a 2FE primary school.

The council is committed to serving the need of its residents and has taken a decision to invest £1.6m, funded by the local taxpayer to expand the school to 2FE. This is based on £375k immediately for you to prepare for September 2016, and a further £1.225m to provide the additional accommodation for the extra 120 pupils. In addition, the Council will secure the land arrangements for the project and work with you on issues relating to the local infrastructure such as electrical supply and drainage.

The approximate cost per place of £13,400 for this extension is both reflective of recent experience of school extensions in the borough, inclusive of many of the costs you refer to in your letter. It also compares well with the national benchmarking report, published in February 2016 by the Education Funding Agency, which indicates that the average cost per place for primary school expansions is about £13,700.

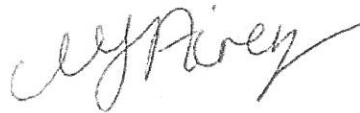
We are happy that the Academy takes the lead position on this project as you suggest, however, in order to jointly manage the expenditure of local taxpayers money, we will need to work in partnership at all stages to deliver an expansion of the school which creates the right educational environment while being good value for money. We have asked Kevin McDaniel to represent us in this arrangement.

We hope this will enable the Academy Trust to agree to increase the school's PAN to 60, with immediate effect, and to consult on harmonising admission arrangements with other local schools through the established process set out in the Admissions Code.

Yours sincerely,



**Alison Alexander**  
**Managing Director &**  
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**Adult, Children and Health Services**



**Cllr Natasha Airey**  
**Lead Councillor for Children's Services**

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