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Dear Dominique and Dave,

Thank you for your correspondence which I received yesterday regarding the decision of RBWM not to support the planned expansion of Lowbrook Academy. It is noted that you have suspended your obligations towards Holy Trinity.

On behalf of the Governors of Holy Trinity, I am writing to let you know that we share your deep disappointment in the Council's decision. Not only do we recognise the amount of time, effort and resource that has gone into the application and planning process, but also understand the impact this will have on those parents and pupils in the local community whose lives will be negatively affected by this decision.

Our disappointment is compounded by the fact that two of the three elected representatives who represent Cookham on the Council, chose not to support your application in Tuesday night's decisive vote, but critically did not refute a challenge from another councillor on the lack of supportive engagement Lowbrook gives to other schools. This is astonishing, particularly in light of the outstanding contribution of Lowbrook Academy, its Governors and staff to enabling Holy Trinity to reach its potential as an Outstanding school. I am pleased to learn that Cllr MJ Saunders recognised the importance of the expansion project together with Lowbrook's relationship with improving outcomes in Cookham. It is no exaggeration to say that our journey simply wouldn't have been possible without your help and for our local Councillors not to acknowledge that support either through their statements to Council or in their votes is a source of frustration and sadness. We will be writing to them to inform them of this.

Please know that our school and the wider community, our teachers, parents/carers and pupils all acknowledge and celebrate your role in our success. We very much value our partnership with Lowbrook, believe that it is mutually beneficial and look forward to continue working together with you on our shared vision of providing the very best education possible for the children in our care.

Kind regards,

Yasmin Thorn-Davis

Chair, Holy Trinity C of E Primary School, Cookham