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Ms Dominique Du Pre  
Chair of Governors  
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Dear Dominique,

Thank you for your letter of 31 March 2017 and for the confirmation of the significant areas of common ground between us. The council has to balance a range of calls on the scarce resources available to all services and schools within the Borough to meet the needs of all residents.

The council is committed to delivering sufficient school places in Outstanding and popular schools. The council is prepared to work with the Academy to deliver the expansion, including the hall as currently designed at approximately 300m<sup>2</sup>, by taking on the overall financial responsibility for the scheme if the Academy will agree to an increased and fixed financial contribution of £275,000. This contribution reflects the £50,000 already committed by the Academy plus the council's budgetary estimate of £225,000 for the gross costs of the additional hall space beyond the 167m<sup>2</sup> originally agreed.

The council maintains its previous offer to provide the Academy with an interest free loan over 25 years, with a flexible repayment schedule, to support the £225,000 increase in contribution. This represents a loan repayment of £9000 per year to secure the expansion of the school.

If you are willing to support this proposal then the council will make a formal, urgent decision under the council's constitution which will be duly noted at a future full Council meeting. With the Academy's agreement by the 5 April 2017, this decision can be made rapidly so that the Academy and the Royal Borough will be able to confirm the provision of 60 places for September 2017 ahead of national offer day on the 18 April 2017.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



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