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Ms Dominique Du Pre
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Dear Dominique

LOWBROOK EXPANSION

Thank you for the meeting yesterday afternoon. I thought it was a helpful opportunity to clarify the current position and confirm next steps. As promised, I am writing to confirm the various items we agreed:

- The Royal Borough will indemnify the school for all reasonable costs associated with the planning application and professional fees incurred to date and going forward.
- The Royal Borough will chase up the pre-planning advice.
- The school will submit the planning application as soon as possible and will contribute its £50,000 contingency fund to the project.
- I will call a special meeting of the Conservative Group on 19 June prior to Council at which I, as Leader of the Group, will recommend the Group supports the expansion of Lowbrook as per the plans.
- I will also call the planning application into the Borough-wide Development Management Panel for determination.
- The formal Royal Borough decision to approve the additional capital funding – likely to be in the region of £750,000 to £1,000,000 – will be taken by full Council and will be taken after the final costs/figures are known.
- No confirmation regarding places will be given to the 30 pupils seeking places at the school in September 2017 until after the Conservative Group meeting.
- In the meantime, pending the outcome of the meeting, the school will seek to negotiate with the school next door to secure some additional temporary space for the extra class.
- If this did not prove possible, the Royal Borough will pay for the costs of a temporary classroom.

Although I had indicated that the Royal Borough would not close on the Cox Green land deal until after the Conservative Group meeting/vote, I now understand that this deal has been completed.

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We agreed that there should be ongoing joint communication on the plans between the Royal Borough and the school and I have arranged for Louisa Dean, the Royal Borough's Communications Manager, to contact the head today to progress this.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Dudley', written in a cursive style.

Cllr Simon Dudley
Leader of the Royal Borough of
Windsor and Maidenhead

CC:

David Rooney (Executive Principal)
Cllr Airey, Lead Member for Children's Services
The Rt Hon Theresa May
Alison Alexander, Managing Director
Cllr McWilliams, Ward Member for Cox Green
Cllr Brimacombe, Ward Member for Cox Green
Cllr Bullock, Ward Member for Cox Green
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