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Dear Sirs,

**Re: Audit of the Financial Statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017**

We have concluded our Audit of the Academy's Financial Statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017.

Termly reviews were conducted throughout the previous Academic year in addition to the year-end audit procedures which helped to support the opinions that we formed. Procedures were carried out in order to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

During our work, no evidence came to light to suggest any such material misstatement.

This is the first year of operating as an Academy Trust but we would like to point out at this stage, that the finance team have made great efforts during the year in order to prepare information ready for the audit to assist with the considerable reporting requirements which now fall upon an Academy Trust.

We intend to carry on with, subject to the trustees' approval, our termly/quarterly visits to assist with any matters arising and as part of our overall audit and support package. We will continue to provide feedback as deemed necessary.

We would like to re-iterate the point that it is imperative that the finance team, trustees and anyone charged with financial governance of the Academy are aware of the Academies Financial Handbook and Accounts Direction as issued by the ESFA.

Please be reminded of the updated guidance from the ESFA which requires the Academy to publish its financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017 on its website no later than 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018. Additionally, please be reminded of the earlier deadline of 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018 for submission of the August Accounts Return.

If you have questions over the above or would like to discuss any others matters then do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully



**Tim McNeal**