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Dear Ms Philpott

FINANCIAL NOTICES TO IMPROVE – BARNFIELD ACADEMY TRUST, MOORLANDS FREE SCHOOL TRUST, BARNFIELD SKILLS ACADEMY TRUST (NOW: BARNFIELD ACADEMY TRUST)

On 14 February 2014, I wrote to you to serve notices that Barnfield Academy Trust, Moorlands Free School Trust and Barnfield Skills Academy Trust were required to improve financial management, control and governance at the Trusts to address the significant governance and accountability concerns identified during Education Funding Agency (EFA) investigation. The Financial Notices to Improve (FNtI) set out the actions that needed to be taken by the individual Trusts to make sure the necessary improvements were carried out.

Further to our close monitoring of the Trusts' progress including a review meeting in February 2015, I am pleased to inform you that I am content that the FNtI conditions have been met by all three former Academy Trusts which merged into one Barnfield Academy Trust as of 1 March 2015. As result the Financial Notices to Improve issued in February 2014 to formerly separate Trusts and the corresponding restrictions will be lifted, with effect from the date of this letter.

This letter will be published, following on from the publication of the FNtI, on 03 July 2015. I am copying this letter to the Regional Schools Commissioner and CEO of the Trust.

I would like to thank you for your contribution in ensuring the Trust has reached this position.

Yours sincerely

Sue Baldwin
Director, Academies and Maintained Schools Group

Cc: Martin Post, Regional Schools Commissioner, North West London and South Central
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