

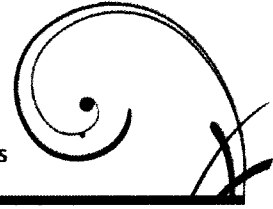
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Principal: Mr T Johnston

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Specialist College for the Performing Arts and Languages



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Dear Jane

You will be aware that there is an Earls High School Foundation Trust, a registered charity number 527585; set up under a scheme dated 1st April 1928 and amended by a scheme dated 23rd August 1989. The trustee of the charity is Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council which has delegated its power to the Halesowen Area Committee. As part of the process we are currently undertaking connected with our application to convert to an Academy we have been having discussions with our solicitors, Veale Wasbrough Vizards about the best way forward from a charity perspective and in practical terms. It has been decided that the best way forward would be to appoint the new Academy Trust as sole corporate trustee of the Charity in place of the Council. This, we understand, is a common structure adopted in such circumstances and therefore should be acceptable to the charities commission.

I am writing to you as we need to consult with Dudley MBC in relation to changing the trustees of The Earls High School Foundation from Dudley MBC to the Academy Trust. As is the case with Academy conversions there is much work to be done with legal deadlines. I have been informed that the very latest we need your agreement is 14th October as our solicitor has to draw up a Trust Modification order which has to be submitted to the Dfe before 21 October.

I know you will do your best to meet this request and look forward to receiving an early written response.

Yours sincerely

Tom Johnston – Principal

cc. Dave Perrett – Assistant Director
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