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Dear Mr Fairbairn

I am pleased to confirm that the request to amend the Articles of Association for Highdown School and Sixth Form Centre to insert an additional object as Article 4 (b) has been approved by the Secretary of State.

This approval is based on the draft text provided by your solicitor on 10 October and has been given by officials in the Education Funding Agency who have the delegated authority.

The members of the Academy Trust now need to pass a special resolution. This requires 75% of members agreeing to the amendment. Please note that under the Companies Act it is the members and not the governors who must pass the resolution.

You can then register the changes to the Academy Trust's articles with Companies House. This action must be taken within 15 days of the amended articles coming into effect.

Please also provide a copy of the final agreed articles to us and we will arrange to upload the articles to the Department's website.

I can also confirm that the request to amend the Funding Agreement to insert clause 82A has also been approved. This approval is based on the draft text provided in the Deed of Variation by your solicitor. Can you please return to me two signed copies of the Deed of Variation and on receipt I will then arrange for the Deed of Variation to be signed and sealed.

Yours sincerely,

Lesley Devonport

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