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Dear Mr Baglee

Your document is well focused and uses Foundation Status constructively as an opportunity to 'badge' a re-launch.

I fully respect the choice the governors have made. The commitment to remaining part of the family of schools and an active community participant and resource is clearly what we are all seeking across the whole of the service. Collectively we face significant challenges in meeting the demands of government for new and more varied study and training routes. Together we must also pay attention to the achievement gap which in Havering is greater than is desirable and the needs of the most vulnerable in our community. Your continued participation as a strong partner will add value for the young people who go through your school.

In respect of your ambition to build on Foundation Status and create or become part of a Trust, I refer you to the Cabinet report on Trust Status which sets out the Council's policy. I remind you of the section dealing with the expectations of the Authority in terms of what changes to governance status of schools should be seeking to achieve in terms of additional value in outcomes for children and young people.

You are assured of continued support from the teams in this service.

Yours sincerely

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