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Dear [REDACTED],

Free school applications: The British Sikh School and The Atam Academy

I am delighted to inform you that the Secretary of State for Education has decided your applications to establish The British Sikh School and The Atam Academy should proceed to the next stage of the free schools process. This is a significant step towards opening your schools in September 2015 and 2016 respectively. I would like to thank you and your colleagues for the commitment and energy that you have shown in developing your applications and at your interview.

Your approval will be subject to some very precise and strict conditions which I would like to discuss with you. My office will be in touch with you on Wednesday to arrange this meeting. We would like the meeting to happen as soon as possible so you can get on with devising a project plan for how you will ensure that your schools will open on time.

At the meeting to discuss your conditions, we will also confirm what happens next and hope to introduce you to your nominated lead contacts from within the department for both The British Sikh School and The Atam Academy. In the meantime we will also inform the relevant local authorities and local MPs about your successful applications.

You will have already received an email asking you to save the date for the pre-opening launch event on 16 October in central London. An agenda for the day is enclosed. I look forward to seeing you at this event.

Best Wishes
Mela Watts

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