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Dear Mr Gartside

**Free school application: The Eddie Davies Educational Trust School**

I am delighted to inform you that the Secretary of State for Education has decided your application to establish The Eddie Davies Educational Trust School should proceed to the next stage of the free schools process. This is a significant step towards opening your school in September 2014. I would like to thank you and your colleagues for the commitment and energy that you have shown in developing your application and at interview.

I should point out that your approval may be subject to some very precise and strict conditions. Failure to meet these conditions will mean that there will be a very real possibility that the Secretary of State for Education will not enter into a funding agreement with your trust, and that your school does not open.

You will receive a letter from the lead assessor of your application which will confirm what happens next, and this may include conditions as mentioned above. We will also inform the relevant local authority and local MP about your successful application.

You will have already received an email asking you to save the date for the pre-opening launch event on 15 January at the Department for Education, Sanctuary Buildings, Great Smith Street, London, SW1P 3BT. An invitation and agenda for the day are enclosed. I look forward to seeing you at this event.

*Yours sincerely  
Mela Watts*

**Mela Watts CBE**  
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