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Dear ██████████

Free school applications: ARK Croydon Primary Academy and ARK Croydon Secondary Academy

I am delighted to inform you that the Secretary of State for Education has decided your applications to establish ARK Croydon Primary Academy and ARK Croydon Secondary 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.

I should point out that your approval may be subject to some very precise and strict conditions. Failure to meet these conditions will mean it is very unlikely that the Secretary of State will enter into a funding agreement with you and your schools will therefore not open. I cannot emphasise this strongly enough.

You will receive a letter from the lead assessor of your applications which will confirm what happens next, and this may include conditions as mentioned above. We will also inform the relevant local authority 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 23 June in central London. Further details about the day are enclosed. I look forward to seeing you at this event.

Yours sincerely

Mela Watts CBE
Director
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