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Mr John Anthony  
Chair of Governors  
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Dear Mr Anthony

On 1 July 2016, Sue Baldwin wrote to your predecessor to serve notice that The Ursuline Academy Ilford (“the Trust”) was required to improve financial management, control and governance at the Trust. This was as a consequence of poor financial controls and oversight of governance at the Trust. The Financial Notice to Improve (FNtI) set out the actions that were needed to be taken by the Trust to make sure necessary improvements were made.

Further to our close monitoring of the Trust’s progress, which includes enhanced financial governance controls, repayment of £197,580 advanced to the Trust in November 2015, and the submission of audited financial statements and management letter on 16 December 2016, I am pleased to inform you that I am content that the FNtI conditions have been met. Furthermore, I am grateful for the assurances provided regarding the improvement of financial management, control and governance at the Trust. As a result, the FNtI will be lifted, with effect from the date of this letter.

This letter will be published on the GOV.UK website in due course, following on from the publication of the FNtI on 8 July 2016. I am copying this letter to Keran Reilly, Accounting Officer of the Trust, and Tim Coulson, the Regional Schools Commissioner for East of England and North East London.

It will be important that the Trust continues to embed the controls and processes which have led to this improvement. I would like to thank you for your contribution in ensuring the Trust has reached this position.

Yours sincerely

**Mike Pettifer**  
**Acting Director, Academies and Maintained Schools**

cc: Keran Reilly, Accounting Officer of the Trust  
Tim Coulson, RSC for East of England and North East London