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FREE SCHOOL APPLICATION: CHATTERIS FREE SCHOOL

Following the announcement on 12 July, I am pleased to confirm that your application to establish Chatteris Free School will proceed to the next stage of the free schools process – the “pre-opening phase”.

This is a significant step towards opening your school. However, the final decision to proceed depends on the Secretary of State formally entering into a funding agreement with the academy trust. Confirmation of the opening date will depend on a number of factors which we will set out in due course.

We will write to you shortly with further information about next steps, including details of any conditions which you would have to meet before a funding agreement is signed.

In the meantime, I would like to thank you for the commitment and energy you have shown in developing your application to date. I wish you every success with your project.

We have written to the relevant local authority, and are writing to the local MP, about your successful application. I am copying this letter to Dr Tim Coulson, Regional Schools Commissioner for East of England and North East London.

Yours sincerely



Mela Watts CBE
Director, Free Schools Group