

APPENDIX 1A



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26th September 2013

Dear Kate,

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I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amanda Phillips', with a stylized, wavy line.

Amanda Phillips
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APPENDIX 1C

From: Sandra Black [<mailto:xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxorg>]
Sent: 19 September 2013 10:52
To: Anant Dodia
Subject: Pension Liabilities

Dear Anant,

In July this year the Department gave a guarantee that it would pick up any outstanding pension liabilities on academy closure. This is what pension fund managers have asked for in order for them to be able to treat academies in the same way as maintained schools. Details of the guarantee, which was set out in a written ministerial statement, can be found here <http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/leadership/typesofschools/academies/la/a00204881/lgps>.

In light of this decision, can we ask you to reevaluate the risk assessment of Sir William Burrough School in light of the guarantee with the view of giving us the same repayment period as maintained schools.

I look forward to hearing from you,

Sandra



Sandra Black
School Business Manager
Sir William Burrough School

APPENDIX 1D

From: Paul Doel [<mailto:xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.co.uk>]
Sent: 05 July 2013 16:28
To: Anant Dodia
Subject: Academies and LGPS liabilities

Dear Anant

In light of the ministerial announcement this week (see link below) that the Department for Education will underwrite the pension related liabilities for any academy that closes, can you please advise Bethnal Green Academy (BGA) the date of the next LBTH pensions risk group meeting. Also, can you confirm the agenda for that meeting will include an item to review and revise the risk level for BGA's pension deficit. I'm anticipating that, as a result of the announcement, the employer contribution rate will reduce significantly from the current rate of 39% .

In addition, I'm also keen to participate in the consultation process proposed by the Department for Communities and Local Government with regards to academies being given the choice to pool their LGPS assets and liabilities with their pension authority's.

I look forward to your response.

Kind regards

Paul

<http://www.education.gov.uk/aboutdfe/executiveagencies/efa/efabulletins/h00226492/issue-32/lgps-liabilities>

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