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Dear Ms Carole Day,

Following the application of the governing body to convert Raine's Foundation School to academy status, I am writing to let you know that after careful consideration, we have decided not to enter into a funding agreement with the school until the provisional 2014 KS4 results are available.

In reaching this decision we looked at the examination results, rates of progress and the school's last Ofsted report. The attainment results in 2013 were below the national average despite Ofsted rating the school as 'good with outstanding features' in December 2011.

I am aware that your new head teacher, John Bradshaw, has joined the school from January 2014 and I have asked your project lead, Martin Rowley, to contact you early in March to confirm your predicted 2014 KS4 attainment. If the provisional results are as predicted, I would be happy to re-consider this decision.

I know this will be disappointing news. However, as you will appreciate, we need to be assured that schools that convert as a stand-alone academy fully meet the 'performing-well' criteria we have established for successful conversion.

I am copying this letter to John Bradshaw, Inigo Woolf at the Diocese and to Kate Bingham at Tower Hamlets Local Authority.

Yours sincerely

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