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Dear Lynn

Further to the various discussions with you and your colleagues regarding the future of Out Rawcliffe Church of England Primary School following the consultation and statutory notice process together with the letter received from Mr P Jones the Chair of Governors of the school. The Board's position surrounding the education of the pupils to a high standard and to ensure that this is sustainable in the long term, believe that the only option if the school is to continue to remain open is that of a hard federation. To ensure that the practical workings of a hard federation are deliverable the Board would require the following:

- A written confirmation from both school's governing bodies that they are committed to a hard federation and that proof of this will be required both by a letter signed by the respective chairs' of the governing body and a copy of the minutes of both bodies stating the resolution that was approved.
- An indication of a strategy around delivery of education to pupils in both schools, given the significant distance between them.
- Information on how a hard federation would address the financial situation it would inherit as a result of the budget deficit at Out Rawcliffe.

Yours sincerely

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Acting Director of Education