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Dear Felicity,

Many thanks for attending the meeting on Wednesday to discuss Holland Park School with representatives from the Holland Park School Parent Collective and David Laws in his role as a trustee at HPS. I would be very grateful if you could pass on my thanks to the parents who attended.

It was very helpful for me to gain a fuller understanding of the parents' concerns and it was clear that they care deeply about the future of the school. I am sure it is a really worrying time for them all.

As I said, our main priority at this time is supporting the trust board to stabilise the school. To that end, we have worked with them closely to establish a consortium of support that has been put in place from a range of trusts and schools, to provide the operational leadership that the school needs at this time.

I also want to reiterate that no final decision has been taken on the trust that HPS will join. The trust board will make a recommendation to the Regional Schools Commissioner (RSC), Dame Kate Dethridge, following the conclusion of the ongoing stakeholder engagement process. That recommendation will then be considered by Dame Kate, with support from her advisory board (which comprises of independent and experienced leaders from schools and MATs), before the recommendation comes to me. Parents are entitled to share their views directly with the RSC.

I look forward to staying in contact with you about this matter. I am copying this letter to the trustees who were present at the meeting as well as the Chair of the Trust Board.

Yours sincerely,

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