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Dear Paul

Hereford Academy, Herefordshire – FM and Lifecycle Costs – New Build Option

The Hereford Academy Trust Company (the Trust) is responsible for forming and running the Hereford Academy. We can confirm that the company is aware of its responsibility to undertake facilities management (FM) and lifecycle elements to maintain the new Academy building, to be procured by Herefordshire Council via a Design and Build Contract within the National Framework, to a standard commensurate with other schools in the area funded through the National Academies and BSF Programmes.

The Academy will carry out a suitable procurement of a hard FM and lifecycle sinking fund to secure the expected level of maintenance.

Initial estimates suggest total lifecycle costs at 28% of the capital build allowance, i.e. £6,142,974.60. Based on the current FM costs, Academy expenditure is indicated to be £120,000, with utilities costs of £ 66,000 per annum. We can confirm that the GAG grant will be sufficient to cover FM costs, but that these may be subject to change during the period of Academy occupation of predecessor school buildings.

The Trust will take responsibility for procuring FM and lifecycle provision, in consultation with Herefordshire Council and the DCSF as appropriate, and in accordance with the requirements of the National Framework.

I trust this letter will be taken as confirmation of The Hereford Academy's commitment to the approach required under the framework.

Yours sincerely

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