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Dear Mr Ducker,

La Fontaine Academy, Bromley, South East London

I am very pleased to confirm that the Secretary of State has agreed to enter into a funding agreement with the STEP Academy Trust in relation to La Fontaine Academy.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the great commitment and energy which you and your colleagues have shown in reaching this point. I know that the STEP Academy Trust has taken on this school very late in the free schools pre-opening stage programme and this will have brought some interesting challenges. However, through your determination and a strong desire to provide an outstanding education for young people in the area, you have overcome these obstacles and are now very well placed to open a successful school in September.

Free Schools form an integral part of the Government's education policy to improve choice and drive up standards in schools. I am therefore delighted that La Fontaine Academy will bring new opportunities for children in the Borough of Bromley and will help deal with the need for school places in the area.

I wish you all the best with the schools opening in September 2014 and in the future.

Yours sincerely,

JOHN NASH