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Dear Mr Redwood

### **SOUTHFIELD SCHOOL**

Thank you for your letter dated 27 September 2016 regarding representations you have received from constituents about Southfield School relating to their concerns about the school being placed in special measures and lack of information about re-opening.

Following the Ofsted visit to Southfield School in July we have been working with the Department of Education to secure a firm foundation for the school's future. A multi-academy trust partner has been identified, because of the urgency of the changes needed, which has now confirmed its enthusiasm to work with Southfield School. To help make the rapid changes needed, an experienced interim headteacher was appointed to work with school staff and the trust. Both the trust and the interim headteacher wanted to make sure all students have the chance to reach their full potential.

Due to the transition to a multi-academy trust, the start of the Autumn Term was delayed. This was to allow time for intensive staff training; however pupils started returning at the beginning of October with older students attending college courses and receiving work to do at home; younger pupils were taught at a local PRU. Parents were informed and were updated on progress being made.

Southfield School has now re-opened fully (with effect from 31 October) with a new permanent Headteacher in post. Pupils' needs continue to be placed at the heart of the planning for the future.

We are working towards Southfield School becoming a new academy school with its dedicated staff and strong backup from the trust later this year.

Yours sincerely

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