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Dear Tom,

Anticipated proposal for a Muslim faith school

Thank you for your letter dated 5 January 2011 advising of the discussion that took place at the meeting of the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) on 25 November 2010. I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your letter and to let you know that SACRE's intention to further consider the above proposal is noted.

Please note that Derby City Council has not, as yet, received formal notification of a proposal to establish a Muslim faith school from the Department for Education. However, my understanding is that an application has been made under the free schools programme.

In terms of process, as you may be aware, free school proposers should initially contact the national New Schools Network to discuss their plans. Key details of the proposal are then developed and submitted to the Department for Education. Following initial approval, a business case is developed which requires final approval by the Secretary of State. There is no requirement for local authorities to approve plans for free schools, although we may be asked to comment on them.

I appreciate SACRE's request to keep Derby City Council informed of their discussions. If any queries emerge on the free schools programme, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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