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*Ms Katherine,*

I was very pleased to hear from Liz Sidwell, the Schools Commissioner, that at your Governors' meeting on 27 June, New Hall School voted unanimously to sponsor Messing-cum-Inworth Primary School.

England's independent schools are quite rightly recognised as some of the best schools in the world. I firmly believe that all children deserve a world-class education. The sponsored Academies programme has raised standards in some of the most challenging schools in our country. There is, however, much more to do, and both the Prime Minister and I are convinced that our best independent schools have a unique role to play.

I am delighted, therefore, that New Hall is leading the way by sponsoring Messing Primary School. I know that this will transform the life chances of the local children and I am sure New Hall will also find it richly rewarding, as have other sponsors. My officials will continue to do everything they can to support you through this process.

Please convey my thanks to your Chairman, Board and Senior Team. I look forward to hearing of both Messing's and New Hall's successes in the future.

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