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Your ref: **O118**

Dear Sirs

**Period ended 31 August 2021**

The following representations are made on the basis of enquiries of management and staff with relevant knowledge and experience such as I consider necessary in connection with your assurance report on regularity to Our Children 1<sup>st</sup> and the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) for the period ended 31 August 2022. These enquiries have included inspection of supporting documentation where appropriate and are sufficient to satisfy me that I can make each of the following representations. All representations are made to the best of my knowledge and belief.

**General**

1. I have fulfilled my responsibilities as accounting officer under the requirements of the funding agreement between Our Children 1<sup>st</sup> and the Secretary of State for Education dated 24 March 2017 and the Academy Trust Handbook 2021.
2. I acknowledge my personal responsibility to Parliament for the regularity and propriety of the public finances for which I am answerable; for the keeping of proper accounts; for effective internal controls; for prudent and economical administration; for the avoidance of waste and extravagance; for achieving value for money; and for the efficient and effective use of all the resources in my charge.
3. I acknowledge my responsibility to notify the governing body and the ESFA of any instances of material irregularity or impropriety, or non-compliance with the terms of the academy trust's funding agreement and have had due regard to the requirements of the Academy Trust Handbook 2021 in performing this duty.
4. Any instances of material irregularity, impropriety, or non-compliance discovered to date have been notified to the governing body and the ESFA.
5. Significant matters of which you should be aware have been brought to your attention including any instances of irregularity, impropriety or non-compliance with laws and regulations specific to the academy trust's authorising framework.
6. Full and free access has been granted to the all records, correspondence, information and explanations that you have considered necessary to enable you to perform your work.

Yours faithfully

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Accounting Officer  
Date: