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Dear Stantonbury International School Families,

I am writing to inform you that the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State wrote to us yesterday to communicate her decision to re-broker Stantonbury International School to a new sponsor.

We have sent documentary evidence of the improvements we have worked so hard together to put in place since 2016 along with detail of the more recent and very focused response to the Ofsted inspection in Jan 2020 to the Regional Schools Commissioner for the area. We are disappointed that we were given no opportunity to discuss our submissions with her before decisions were made and that no one from the RSC office has visited to get a first-hand view of the improvements made since January 2020. A group of parent ambassadors has visited and is in regular contact with the school leadership to give feedback and be informed of progress. We thank all of you for giving that time.

The decision regarding re-brokering is expected to be formally confirmed in the next week or so by the RSC. It is hard to understand why an Ofsted monitoring visit is not an automatic and vital part of this decision-making, for which there is no published process or criteria. The RSC will determine the timing and choice of sponsor, but has given us to understand that she expects the process to be complete by July 2021.

Please rest assured that we will work together with that sponsor to ensure a smooth transition for you and your children. All permanent staff will move across to the new employer so your children will continue to work with staff they know and by whom they are known.

We will keep you updated on developments and all questions and responses should be emailed to enquiries@griffinschoolstrust.org.

With best wishes,

Anne Powell
Chief Executive Officer

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Chair of the Board of Trustees