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Cllr Gerry Clark
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Dear Councillor Clark,

You may have received written representation from the Chair of Governors at Lowbrook Academy regarding Tuesday night's Council vote on their school's expansion plans.

When Holy Trinity governors met with Cookham councillors following our *Requires Improvement* Ofsted rating in October 2013, we took that opportunity to reassure and share our plans with you all on how we were moving the school forward in conjunction with Dave Rooney as our Executive Principal, and we confirmed that this was well under way. Our plans were met with your approval and came to fruition with an *Outstanding* Ofsted judgement in all categories two years later. During that time and since, we at Holy Trinity have done our utmost to keep councillors abreast of our plans and aspirations for the school and our children. A large share of the credit for that incredible transformation is due to our collaboration with the staff and Governors at Lowbrook, together with the support of the wider Lowbrook community. I am sorry to report that this support is now in jeopardy.

The Governing Body has asked me to write to you to express our disappointment that although supportive of Holy Trinity in the past, you felt unable to support our partner's expansion plan now. In particular, you failed to speak and rebut the assertion made in Council that Lowbrook does not make a contribution to supporting the development of fellow schools. We feel that your lack of support has significantly undermined and potentially seriously damaged our relationship with Lowbrook Academy. If this is the case this will be catastrophic for our stakeholders. We as Governors must now attempt to rebuild our broken relationship with Lowbrook in order to ensure that our children continue to receive every possible advantage in their education and development.

We very much value our partnership with Lowbrook, believe that it is mutually beneficial and we sincerely hope to continue working together with them on our shared vision of providing the very best education possible for the children in our care.

I look forward to hearing from you on how best you think this can be resolved.

Yours sincerely,

Yasmin Thorn-Davis

Chair, Holy Trinity C of E Primary School, Cookham