## Appendix 1

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School Nurseries Capital Fund application outcome

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Dear Mark Thornton

I am writing to you regarding Cheshire East Council's applications for the School Nurseries Capital Fund (SNCF).

As you know, the aim of the SNCF is to create new high-quality school-based nursery places, targeted at closing the gap for disadvantaged children. This investment forms part of the government's commitment to build more school-based nurseries and to boost social mobility.

We received requests for £66 million across 143 projects. Following a rigorous assessment process, the Secretary of State has approved 66 projects at an overall value of £22 million. More information on the applicants and successful projects has been published on <u>GOV.UK</u>.

Following a rigorous assessment process I am pleased to inform you that your applications for Ash Grove Academy and Beechwood Primary and School and Nursery are successful, subject to you providing us with additional information on your projects. We may require you to develop your projects with us further before issuing grant funds, however a member of my team will work closely with you throughout this period.

Please complete the attached additional project information at <u>smartsurvey</u> and return to by 31 July 2019. When this information is received, my team will contact you to discuss next steps.

Sincerely

Lya Noon Deputy Director, School Estates and Post 16 Capital Capital Directorate, Operations Group

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