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Dear Mr Barton and all the staff at the Jewellery Academy School

We are writing to you to express our heartfelt appreciation of what you have done for the asylum - seeking families whose children you have so generously welcomed into your school.

The majority of these children have had extremely traumatic times in the lead up to their arrival in the UK. Their excitement at starting school brings hope for both them and their families and allows them to start to look forward to happier times in the future.

We do not underestimate the challenge of welcoming traumatised children from culturally diverse backgrounds, who have little or no understanding of English into your classrooms. We recognise that you have done this when schools are already under enormous pressure from government cuts and the increased needs of so many British families. To accept these children when you have so much else to cope with is a real testament to the loving and inclusive ethos of your school.

We hope that you can use this letter to thank everyone of the staff and wider school community who has helped to provide the warm welcome and practical support that is helping these children start to enjoy the childhood they deserve.

With our wholehearted gratitude and deepest respect

Katherine Green

Pp The Trustees and Staff

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