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Dear Julia Lopez MP

I am writing to advise you that on Tuesday 2 July 2019, I will announce the outcome of the School Nurseries Capital Fund (SNCF) capital bidding round. I want to inform you that Forest Approach Academy, located in your constituency, was successful in its application.

The School Nurseries Capital Fund is designed to create new high-quality school-based nursery places for 2, 3 and 4-year olds in disadvantaged areas, in order to deliver the government's commitment to build more school-based nurseries and to boost social mobility. The first few years of a child's life are critical to shaping their future development, and our ambition is to provide equality of opportunity for every child, regardless of background or where they live, because we know that good early years education is the cornerstone of social mobility.

We received 143 applications in total across 68 local authorities. Following a rigorous assessment process, I approved 66 projects at an overall value of just over £22 million.

The project at Forest Approach Academy is, of course, subject to our grant conditions, and the department is in contact with the school and local authority, to discuss next steps.

More information on SNCF, including the full list of successful projects published can be found here:

[School nurseries capital fund - GOV.UK](#)

Yours sincerely

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