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**EXHIBIT "KRM22"**

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This is the exhibit marked "KRM22" referred to in the witness statement of Keith Rupert Murdoch dated the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 2012.

**Daisy Dunlop**

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**From:** Mela.Watts/ [redacted]  
**Sent:** 26 May 2011 08:47  
**To:** daisy.dunlop [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Academies

Daisy

The details of the application are all on the Department's website, but it isn't a simple "expressing interest" form, it is reasonably detailed this time. <http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/leadership/typesofschools/freeschools>

Mela

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**MELA WATTS**  
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**Education**

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**From:** Dunlop, Daisy [redacted]  
**Sent:** 25 May 2011 20:59  
**To:** WATTS, Mela  
**Subject:** Re: Academies

Dear Mela,  
Thank you for your reply. Could you direct me to details of the application process? I presume it's too late to consider and application for the end of next week. Unless it is a simple form expressing interest.  
Thank you.  
Daisy

Corporate Affairs, News International  
Tel [redacted]

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**From:** [Mela.Watts](#) [redacted] [Mela.Watts](#) [redacted]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 25, 2011 11:47 AM  
**To:** [daisy.dunlop](#) [redacted] [daisy.dunlop](#) [redacted]  
**Cc:** [Jamie.WEATHERHEAD](#) [redacted] <[Jamie.WEATHERHEAD](#) [redacted]>  
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[David.JEFFREY](#) [redacted] [David.JEFFREY](#) [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Academies

Daisy

Very good to hear you are still thinking along these lines.

As you obviously know we are inviting applications for potential Free Schools to open in September 2012 at the moment with a closing date of 1 June. Our next round of applications will be in respect of those who want to open in September 2013 - we are likely to announce the process and timing for that around the turn of the year.

Is there anything else I can tell you ?

Mela

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**From:** MCCULLY, Andrew  
**Sent:** 25 May 2011 08:25  
**To:** Dunlop, Dalsy  
**Cc:** WEATHERHEAD, Jamie; WATTS, Mela  
**Subject:** RE: Academies

Daisy

My colleague Mela Watts, whom you met when we visited your offices, will be able to give you details of how the Free School application process works.

Best wishes

Andrew

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**From:** Dunlop, Daisy [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 24 May 2011 19:12  
**To:** MCCULLY, Andrew  
**Cc:** WEATHERHEAD, Jamie  
**Subject:** RE: Academies

Andrew,  
Thank you for the reply. Given that the 1<sup>st</sup> June deadline is a little too close for us to start such an application now, are you able to tell me when the next round of applications will be?  
Thank you.  
Best, Daisy

**From:** Andrew McCully [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 23 May 2011 18:55  
**To:** Dunlop, Daisy  
**Cc:** Jamie WEATHERHEAD [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Academies

Dear Daisy

The overall capital provision open to Government has not changed significantly since we last spoke. An application to run a free school in Newham is certainly an option for you to pursue but the availability of resources for new buildings is likely to be very limited.

Best wishes

Andrew

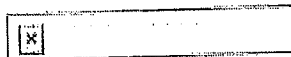
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**From:** Dunlop, Daisy [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 19 May 2011 15:30  
**To:** MCCULLY, Andrew  
**Cc:** WEATHERHEAD, Jamie  
**Subject:** RE: Academies

Dear Andrew,

You will remember that we were in contact at the end of last year/beginning of this year about our hopes to fund an Academy in Newham.

I am aware that the deadline for free school applications is the 1<sup>st</sup> June and I wondered if you thought that was a route we should be taking.

I'd be grateful to hear your view as we are looking for ways to proceed with our plans.

Many thanks,

Daisy

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From: Dunlop, Daisy  
Sent: 25 January 2011 14:53  
To: Andrew McCully [REDACTED]  
Cc: Jamie WEATHERHEAD [REDACTED]  
Subject: RE: Academies

Dear Andrew,

Many thanks for your reply and for your honesty about the situation. I will relay this to my colleagues.

Best regards,

Daisy

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From: Andrew McCully [REDACTED]  
Sent: 25 January 2011 12:42  
To: Dunlop, Daisy  
Cc: Jamie WEATHERHEAD [REDACTED]  
Subject: Academies

Dear Daisy

I am sorry to have been slow to follow up our earlier conversation and your email of yesterday.

In our discussions last year we explored the options and you set some parameters for what a News International Academy would be. It could not be a replacement for a failing local school as in the traditional model for sponsored academies. It would need to be a new school and it was important to News International that the new building made a significant statement about News International's commitment. News International would be contributing the £2m along the lines of the contribution of sponsors for other projects. I said that the only route for funding that I could envisage would be through the capital

allocation that Newham would receive once the Spending Review implications were worked through.

The Secretary of State has now agreed the allocations to local authorities. I can confirm that the figures you have received from Newham for their capital allocation are correct.

Newham's total capital allocation is £14.1m, but this is not just for basic need for new school places but includes funding for maintenance and capital for all its maintained and voluntary-aided schools. Of this, £7.1m is for basic need. Newham also received £17.5m of additional funding just for 2010-11 for basic need to provide additional primary places by September 2011.

The conclusion of the very tight spending review is that there is no funding line for new academy provision available to the Department.

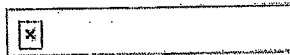
I am sorry that I cannot be more imaginative in coming up with alternative funding solutions. I appreciate that News International will want to reflect further on its plans.

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