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Dear J Downs

Thank you for your request for information, which was received on 21 January 2020. I wrote to you on 17 February to advise that the response would be delayed. You requested:

“In November 2018, a DfE spokesperson told Schools Week “The Education and Skills Funding Agency has launched a formal investigation into the SchoolsCompany Trust, which is currently ongoing. Once the investigation is complete, we will publish a full report with our findings on gov.uk.”

I have looked for this report but cannot find it. I should be grateful if you could let me know if the investigation has finished. If so, I should be grateful to receive a copy or be directed to where it can be found. If the investigation is not finished, I should be grateful if you would let me know when it will be completed.”

I have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The ESFA investigation into the Trust’s financial management has not finished. We cannot speculate when this complex investigation will conclude and therefore when the report will be published. However, once completed we will publish the findings on gov.uk.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the way your request has been handled, you should make a complaint to the Department by writing to me within two calendar months of the date of this letter. Your complaint will be considered by an independent review panel, which were not involved in the original consideration of your request.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint to the Department, you may then contact the Information Commissioner’s Office

Yours sincerely

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