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Dear Mr Holland,

Thank you for your request for information, which was received 26 August 2016. You requested a list of the names of all the Chief Executives (or equivalent) within Multi-Academy Trusts and where possible their contact information (postal, telephone and email).

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

As part of the Department for Education, the Education Funding Agency (EFA) collects the relevant information on multi-academy trusts (MATs), including the postal address* and contact email address of accounting officers. In line with the Academies Financial Handbook, the accounting officer of an academy trust should be either its chief executive or executive principal. The EFA does not collect telephone numbers.

I have enclosed the data you requested** with a small number of email addresses removed. These are where the only details that we hold are individuals' personal email addresses. These are the personal data of the individuals concerned, and so we have applied section 40(2) (personal data). Personal data is that which relates to a living individual who can be identified from that data, or from that data and other information which is likely to be in, or to come into, the possession of the requestor. Disclosure of this information would contravene a number of the data protection principles in the Data Protection Act 1998, and would be regarded as 'unfair'. By that, we mean the likely expectations of the data subject that his or her information would not be disclosed to others and the effect which disclosure would have on the data subject. Section 40(2) is an absolute exemption and is not subject to the public interest test.

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Yours sincerely,

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