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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to you regarding information we have received about the Instrument of Government of Thomas Coram Early Childhood Centre.

We have been informed that the Instrument of Government for the centre states that the name of the school is *The Thomas Coram Centre*. However, we understand that the centre is using various other names such as *The Thomas Coram Early Childhood Centre* and *The Thomas Coram Early Education Centre*.

As the governing body of a maintained school should not conduct the business of the school under a name other than the one set out on the Instrument of Government, I would be grateful for your comments on the above. I would also be grateful for a copy of the current Instrument of Government.

It may be helpful if I explain that under sections 496 and 497 of the Education Act 1996, the Secretary of State has the power to investigate a complaint and issue a direction about a decision made by a governing body or local authority, but he is only able to do so in very limited circumstances. That is where there has been a breach of a statutory duty or where the governing body has acted 'unreasonably' with regard to the exercise of a power or the performance of a duty under the Education Acts.

I would be grateful for a reply by 4 November 2011 please.

Yours faithfully



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