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Dear Mr Martin

Thank you for your request for information, which was received on 26 May 2017. You requested the following details for all open UK academy trusts: trust name, postall address (including postcode), contact name and contact email address.

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

As part of the Department for Education, the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) is responsible for funding academies, university technical colleges, studio schools and free schools in England. We have responded with information about trusts operating under the department's academies and free schools policy in England only.

We have interpreted 'contact' as the accounting officer. In line with the Academies Financial Handbook, the accounting officer of a trust should be either its chief executive or executive principal. Please see the below description of the accounting officer role from the Academies Financial Handbook:

*1.5.19 Responsibilities of the academy trust's accounting officer*

*1.5.20 Each academy trust must designate a named individual as its accounting officer. The individual must be a fit and suitable person for the role. In trusts comprising a single academy this should be the principal. In multi-academy trusts it should be the chief executive or executive principal.*

The ESFA holds the following information about accounting officers that falls within scope of your request: first name, last name, direct email and postal address<sup>1</sup>.

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

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<sup>1</sup> Address at the time of opening. Trusts do not have to notify us of a change of address.

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Yours sincerely,

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**Education and Skills Funding Agency**