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Dear Patrick,

**Please see below an email from the Chair of Governors of the Children's Hospital School for GOSH and UCLH regarding the new Children's Cancer Centre – Ref: 2022/2255/P**

On behalf of the Governing Body at the Children's Hospital School for GOSH and UCLH, I wanted to write to formally register our support for the redevelopment of the Frontage Building and the creation of the new Children's Cancer Centre.

You will be aware that the school is a separate organisation to GOSH NHS Foundation Trust, but is based within the hospital site. The Hospital School provides continuity of education to the inpatient population of the hospital both in formal classroom settings and at the bedside. We work with children across the key stages, including supporting them through public examinations and national assessment frameworks. The aim of the service is to reduce social exclusion and minimise the impact that protracted absence from education is proven to have on a child's educational achievement, mental health and long-term academic prospects.

The new Children's Cancer Centre is an extremely important development for the school, as it will provide us with new facilities, which are significantly improved to those we currently have.

The current school is based in the Southwood Building, at the back of the estate. We have outgrown the space and as a result have to create workarounds to deliver education to the standards we wish to. This is particularly acute in relation to our ability to meet the specific needs of teenage and young adult patients.

The new facility in the CCC would provide us with the spaces that children and teachers need. Based on the ground floor, we will be highly visible, ensuring that children and parents know that education will be part of everyday life while they stay at hospital. This is extremely important in ensuring that children's life chances following long stays in hospital are maintained and improved. The new location and space will also make it easier for everyone to come to school regardless of their mobility. Our very presence right at the entrance to the hospital will also mean we can celebrate education and learning, which are normal activities of childhood.

I hope this is useful in you considerations of the application from GOSH.

Regards  
Alan Farkas  
Chair of Governors  
The Children's Hospital School at Great Ormond Street & UCH