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C.V. Butcher

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Dear LA-F36

I thought I should put in writing the outcome of the meeting held here last week to discuss LA-A23's future.

It was agreed:

- 1) That we would like to proceed towards accepting your proposal. This falls into two parts, a) your desire to offer a permanent home to LA-A23 and, b) your proposal to provide LA-A23 with education, for as long as is appropriate to his needs.
- 2) The process of your being accepted as a 'permanent parent' is a long one, requiring a full assessment of you and your circumstances by ourselves, and preparation of LA-A23 for this commitment. I anticipate that this would take around six months.
- 3) In the meantime we could give provision approval of you as a short term foster parent for LA-A23 when you have completed your application, and when references have been taken up satisfactorily. Until then, LA-A23 will have to be considered 'on holiday' with you.
- 4) There is no reason why payment for these three situations should not be the same, which will be no more than about £56 per week.
- 5) The education question is a difficult one. Lambeth cannot 'employ' you in the normal sense. We would however contemplate paying your fees as the proprietor of a private school. We would require however that you take steps to get yourself registered as such with your local education authority. I am not sure exactly what this involves, but you will have to let us know what the problems are. At some point you can charge as a fee that you consider reasonable, and we would have to seek approval for payment.

I should say that those with whom we have discussed this are very positive about the plan, but do feel that we should not be too hasty in finalising a package that may prove to be too much of a commitment for LA-A23.

I hope this clarifies the position, and I look forward to seeing you again in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Russell  
Team Leader