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Susan Mueller Stand Alone 34b York Way LONDON N1 9AB

Dear Ms Mueller

As Principal of the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, I wish to commit the RCS to Stand Alone's pledge as part of our ethos of ensuring all students have equality of opportunity and that we have the supportive environment and conditions for estranged students to stay resilient and thrive as part of the RCS community.

As part of this commitment, our team will meet with estranged students studying without family support, to learn more about their experiences and support needs.

Over the next two years, we will progress this work through a cross—institutional subgroup, convened by our Fair Access Manager under the strategic lead of our Director of Fair Access and reporting to our Fair Access Committee. Actions for improvement will be set in our Fair Access Plan annually from 2019 onwards and progress will be monitored by our Fair Access Committee, which is convened by one of our Governors and reports jointly to our Academic Board and Board of Governors.

We will provide a progress update annually as part of our Fair Access Annual Report.

Yours sincerely

Professor Jeffrey Sharkey

Principal