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29 October 2019

FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR ST ELISABETH'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

I am pleased to inform you that I have now agreed to enter into a Funding Agreement with you to allow St Elisabeth's Church of England Primary School to become a sponsored academy. My officials will forward a copy of the executed Funding Agreement to you.

The date the school will open as an academy will be 1 November 2019. I am writing to Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council to instruct it to cease maintaining St Elisabeth's Church of England Primary School from that date.

Academies form an integral part of the Government's education policy to raise attainment for all children and I am delighted that this school is becoming an academy.

St Elisabeth's Church of England Primary will now have the opportunity to benefit from the freedoms and flexibilities of academy status, to share best practice and work with others to bring about sustained improvements to all schools in the area. I would like to thank you for your commitment to and assistance in the academy process.

I attach a copy of my letter to the chair of governors and local authority and I am copying this letter to the chair of governors.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gavin Williamson', written over a light blue horizontal line.

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Further to the Academy Order that was made previously, I am pleased to tell you that I have now agreed to enter into a Funding Agreement with St James and Emmanuel Academy Trust to allow St Elisabeth's Church of England Primary School to become a sponsored academy.

The date the school will open as an academy will be 1 November 2019. I am writing to the local authority to instruct it to cease maintaining the school from that date.

Academies form an integral part of the Government's education policy to raise attainment for all children. St Elisabeth's Church of England Primary will now have the opportunity to benefit from the freedoms and flexibilities of academy status, to share best practice and work with others to bring about sustained improvements to all schools in the area.

I would like to thank you for your assistance in the academy process.

Please pass a copy of this letter to the head teacher. I attach a copy of my letter to the sponsor and local authority and I am sending a copy of this letter to the sponsor.

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I am delighted to inform you that I have agreed to enter into a Funding Agreement so that St Elisabeth's Church of England Primary School will convert into an academy.

The date of conversion (within the meaning of section 6(2) of the Academies Act 2010), when the school will open as an academy will be 1 November 2019, and you should cease to maintain the school on that date.

If you have provided publicly funded land for the academy, please also accept this letter as providing any necessary consent(s) pursuant to para 4(2) of Schedule 1 to the Academies Act 2010 (as substituted by Schedule 14 to the Education Act 2011) and section 77 to the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 for the authority to dispose of land, to the academy trust, that it is agreed the authority holds for the purpose of this school.

As you will be aware, academies form an integral part of the Government's education policy to raise attainment for all children and to bring about sustained improvements to all schools. I would like to thank you for your assistance with the academy process.

I am copying this letter to the academy trust and the chair of governors.

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