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**To: St James and Emmanuel Academy Trust**

I am writing to confirm that I am content to agree in principle for St Wilfrid's Church of England Aided Primary School Northenden to become an academy sponsored by St James and Emmanuel Academy Trust.

The project will follow a fast track process to academy status, with a school improvement grant of up to £45k available to you, to assist with the support and improvement that St Wilfrid's Church of England Aided Primary School Northenden requires. An additional grant of £25k is also available to either St Wilfrid's Church of England Aided Primary School Northenden or St James and Emmanuel Academy Trust to contribute towards expenses in setting up the academy. To enable the academy to open I will need to agree a Funding Agreement and the Articles of Association of the Academy Trust.

Your DfE project lead will work directly with you on the next steps set out in Annexes A and B, to enable the project to progress quickly.

Further information is available on our website at  
<http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/leadership/typesofschools/academies>

I attach a copy of the Academy Order enabling St Wilfrid's Church of England Aided Primary School Northenden to open as an academy on the provisional opening date of 1 April 2016. I also attach a copy of my letter to the chair of governors.

RT HON NICKY MORGAN MP