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St James and Emmanuel Academy Trust
c/o Didsbury Church of England Primary School
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27 August 2015

To: St James and Emmanuel Academy Trust

I am pleased to tell you that I have agreed to enter into a Funding Agreement with you to allow Didsbury Church of England Primary School to convert into an academy. My officials will forward a copy of the executed Funding Agreement to you.

Academies form an integral part of the Government's education policy to raise attainment for all children. I am delighted that Didsbury Church of England Primary School recognises the benefits academy status will bring.

The date of conversion, when the school will open as an academy will be 1 September 2015. I am writing to Manchester City Council to instruct it to cease to maintain Didsbury Church of England Primary School from that date (copy of letter enclosed).

If you have notified the Department of any additional leases or subleases the academy trust wishes to grant on conversion, these will also require the consent of the Secretary of State (according to the terms of both the Funding Agreement and the relevant legislation), and we will shortly write separately in relation to this.

Your academy will now have the opportunity to use 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 and wish you every success in the future.

A copy of this letter has been forward to the head teacher via email. I also enclose the letters to the chair of governors of Didsbury Church of England Primary School. I would appreciate it if you could please pass on a copy to them.

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As the school land currently held by the diocese will continue to be held by the diocese, as part of the conversion, we will be entering into a supplemental agreement.

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To: Mrs Gladys Rhodes White, Interim Director of Children's Services

I am delighted to be able to inform you that I have agreed to enter into a Funding Agreement so that Didsbury 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), and when the school will open as an academy, will be 1 September 2015, and you should cease to maintain Didsbury Church of England Primary School on that date.

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.

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 Didsbury Church of England Primary School.

I am copying this letter to the academy trust, the chair of governors of Didsbury Church of England Primary School and the head teacher.

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