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To: Cidari Education Limited

I am pleased to tell you that I have agreed to enter into a Funding Agreement with you to allow Blackpool Baines Endowed Church of England Voluntary Aided 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 Blackpool Baines Endowed Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School recognises the benefits academy status will bring.

The date of conversion, when the school will open as an academy, will be 1 March 2015. I am writing to Blackpool Council to instruct it to cease to maintain Blackpool Baines Endowed Church of England Voluntary Aided 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.

I am copying this letter to the head teacher. I also enclose the letters to the Governing Body of the Blackpool Baines Endowed Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School. Please pass on a copy to the Chair of Governor of the Blackpool Baines Endowed Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School.

RT HON NICKY MORGAN MP