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28 March 2022

FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR EAST STOUR PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

The date of conversion, when the school will open as an academy, will be 1 April 2022. I am writing to Kent County Council to instruct it to cease maintaining the school from that date.

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

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

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 attach a copy of my letter to the chair of governors of East Stour Primary School and a copy of my letter to the local authority.

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The Chair of Governors
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Further to your application and the Academy Order that was made previously, I am pleased to inform you that I have now agreed to enter into a Funding Agreement with EKC Schools Trust Limited to allow East Stour Primary School to become an academy.

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

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

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I am delighted to inform you that I have agreed to enter into a Funding Agreement so that East Stour 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 April 2022, 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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