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## **FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR ST PETER'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

I am pleased to inform you that I have agreed to enter into a Funding Agreement with you to allow St Peter's Catholic 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 2020. I am writing to Essex 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 St Peter's Catholic 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 St Peter's Catholic Primary School and a copy of my letter to the local authority.

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