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FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR DOWNHAM FEOFFEEES PRIMARY SCHOOL

I am pleased to tell you that I have now agreed to enter into a Funding Agreement with you to allow Downham Feoffees Primary School to become a sponsored 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 and I am delighted that this school is becoming an academy.

The date the school will open as an academy will be 1 September 2017. I am writing to the local authority to instruct it to cease to maintain Downham Feoffees Primary School from that date.

Downham Feoffees Primary Academy will now have the opportunity to benefit from 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, and I would like to thank you for your commitment to and assistance in the academy process.

I attach a copy of my letters to the chair of governors and local authority and I am copying this letter to the chair of governors.

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The Chair of Governors
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Further to the Academy Order that was made previously, I am pleased to tell you that I have now agreed to enter into a Funding Agreement with Cambridge Meridian Academies Trust (CMAT) to allow Downham Feoffees Primary School to become a sponsored academy.

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I am copying this letter to the sponsor and I attach a copy of my letter to them and my letter to the local authority. Please pass a copy of this letter to the head teacher.

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I am delighted to inform you that I have agreed to enter into a Funding Agreement so that Downham Feoffes 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 2017, and you should cease to maintain the 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.

I am copying this letter to the sponsor and the chair of governors.

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