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30 January 2017

**FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR LEAFIELD CHURCH OF ENGLAND (CONTROLLED)
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

I am pleased to tell you that I have agreed to enter into a Funding Agreement with you to allow Leafield Church of England (Controlled) 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 Leafield Church of England (Controlled) Primary School recognises the benefits academy status will bring.

The date of conversion, when the school will open as an academy, will be 1 February 2017. I am writing to Oxfordshire County Council to instruct it to cease to maintain 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.

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 Leafield Church of England (Controlled) Primary School and a copy of my letter to the local authority.

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

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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.

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

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