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To: The STEP Academy Trust

I am pleased to tell you that I have agreed to enter into a Funding Agreement with you to allow Gonville 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 Gonville Primary School recognises the benefits Academy status will bring.

The date of conversion, when Gonville Primary School will open as an Academy, will be 1 May 2011. I am writing to the Local Authority to instruct it to cease to maintain the school from that date (copy letter enclosed).

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 a copy of the letters I am sending to the Governing Body of Gonville Primary School.

MICHAEL GOVE