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To: **STEP Academy Trust**

I am writing to confirm that I am content to agree in principle for Meeching Valley Primary School to become an academy sponsored by STEP Academy Trust.

The project will follow an intermediate process to academy status, with a school improvement grant of up to £90k available to you to assist with the support and improvement that Meeching Valley Primary School requires. An additional grant of upto £40k is also available to STEP Academy Trust to contribute towards expenses in setting up the academy via the environmental grant, to be agreed by the project lead. To enable the academy to open I will need to agree a Funding Agreement and the Articles of Association of the Academy Trust.

Your DfE project lead will work directly with you on the next steps set out in Annexes A and B, to enable the project to progress quickly.

Further information is available on our website at
<http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/leadership/typesofschools/academies>

I attach a copy of the Academy Order enabling Meeching Valley Primary School to open as an academy on the provisional opening date of 1 September 2016. I also attach a copy of my letter to the chair of governors.

Dominic Herrington,

Regional Schools Commissioner, South East and South London



Rt Hon Nicky Morgan MP
Secretary of State for Education

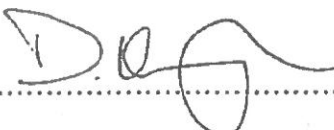
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**To: The Chair of Governors of Meeching Valley Primary School
East Sussex County Council**

ACADEMY ORDER

1. This is an Academy Order made further to section 4.1b of the Academies Act 2010.
2. I hereby order that on the conversion date Meeching Valley Primary School shall be converted into an Academy.
3. The conversion date shall be the date that the school opens as an Academy further to and as provided for in Academy arrangements made further to section 1 of the Academies Act 2010.
4. On the conversion date East Sussex County Council shall cease to maintain Meeching Valley Primary School.
5. The independent school standards (as defined in section 157(2) of the Education Act 2002) are to be treated as met in relation to the Academy on the conversion date.

Signed on behalf of the Secretary of State for Education by:

Signed:.......... Date: 16 May 2016

**Dominic Herrington,
Regional Schools Commissioner**