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To: Governing Body of Altwood CofE Secondary School

Further to your application and the Academy order that I made previously, I am pleased to tell you that I have now agreed to enter into a Funding Agreement with Altwood CofE School to allow Altwood CofE Secondary School to convert into an Academy.

Academies form an integral part of the Government's education policy to raise attainment for all children. I am delighted that Altwood CofE Secondary School recognises the benefits Academy status will bring.

The date of conversion, when the school will open as an Academy, will be 1 July 2012. I am writing to the Local Authority to instruct it to cease to maintain Altwood CofE Secondary School from that date (copy of letter enclosed).

Altwood CofE Secondary School 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 to, and assistance in, the Academy conversion process.

I am copying this letter to the Academy Trust and the head teacher.

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