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St Simon and Jude Church of England Academy Trust
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26 February 2015

To: St Simon and Jude Church of England Academy Trust

I am pleased to tell you that I have now agreed to enter into a Funding Agreement with you to allow St James' Church of England Primary School Gorton 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 St James' Church of England Primary School Gorton is becoming an academy.

The date the school will open as an academy, will be 1 March 2015. I am writing to the Local Authority to instruct it to cease to maintain St James' Church of England Primary School Gorton from that date (copy of letter enclosed).

St James Church of England Primary School Gorton 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. I would like to thank you for your commitment to, and assistance in, the academy process.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Nicky Morgan'.

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The Chair of Governors
St James' Church of England Primary School Gorton
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To: Governing Body of St James' Church of England Primary School Gorton

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 St Simon and Jude Church of England Academy Trust to allow St James' Church of England Primary School Gorton to become a sponsored academy.

Academies form an integral part of the Government's education policy to raise attainment for all children. I am delighted that St James' Church of England Primary School Gorton recognises the benefits academy status will bring.

The date the school will open as an academy, will be 1 March 2015. I am writing to the Local Authority to instruct it to cease to maintain St James' Church of England Primary School Gorton from that date (copy of letter enclosed).

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I am copying this letter to the Sponsor and the head teacher.

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Mrs Gladys Rhodes White
Director of Children's Services
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26 February 2015

To: Mr Mike Livingstone, Director of Children's Services

I am delighted to be able to inform you that I have agreed to enter into a Funding Agreement so that St James' Church of England Primary School Gorton 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 March 2015, and you should cease to maintain St James' Church of England Primary School Gorton 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.

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