



**Rt Hon Justine Greening MP**  
Secretary of State

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Symphony Learning Trust  
c/o Newcroft Primary School  
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LE12 9DU

30 August 2016

To: Symphony Learning Trust

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

The date of conversion, when the school will open as an academy, will be 1 September 2016. I am writing to Leicestershire County Council to instruct it to cease to maintain Newcroft Primary 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 the consent of the Secretary of State (according to the terms of both the Funding Agreement and the relevant legislation), and we will shortly 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 Newcroft Primary School and a copy of my letter to the local authority.

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To: Chair of Governors of Newcroft Primary School

Further to your application and the Academy Order that was made previously, I am pleased to tell you that I have now agreed to enter into a Funding Agreement with Symphony Learning Trust to allow Newcroft Primary School to become an academy.

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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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To: Mr Paul Meredith, Interim Director of Children and Family Services

I am delighted to be able to inform you that I have agreed to enter into a Funding Agreement so that Newcroft Primary School 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 September 2016, and you should cease to maintain Newcroft Primary School 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, and 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, that it is agreed the authority holds for the purpose of Newcroft Primary School.

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