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24 November 2023

FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR THE CHURCHILL SCHOOL

I am pleased to inform you that I have agreed to enter into a Funding Agreement with you to allow The Churchill School to convert into an academy. My officials will forward a copy of the executed Funding Agreement to you.

The date of conversion, when the school will open as an academy, will be 1 December 2023. I am writing to Kent County Council to instruct it to cease maintaining the 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 my consent (according to the terms of both the Funding Agreement and the relevant legislation), and we will soon write separately in relation to this.

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

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 The Churchill School and a copy of my letter to the local authority.

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Further to your application and the Academy Order that was made previously, I am pleased to inform you that I have now agreed to enter into a Funding Agreement with EKC Schools Trust Limited to allow The Churchill School to become an academy.

The date of conversion, when the school will open as an academy, will be 1 December 2023. I am writing to the local authority to instruct it to cease maintaining the school from that date.

I enclose with this letter a Direction to you to transfer the land held by you for the purposes of The Churchill School to the Academy Trust.

In circumstances where the land has been transferred to you from the local authority pursuant to the School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2007, but the Land Registry transfer formalities have not yet been completed; then if the transfer to the Academy Trust contains a statement to the effect that the property has vested in the Governing Body by virtue of Schedule 6 of those Regulations, the Land Registry will accept the transfer for registration notwithstanding that the local authority remains the registered proprietor.

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I would like to thank you for your commitment to and assistance in the academy conversion process.

Please pass a copy of this letter to the head teacher. I attach a copy of my letter to the local authority and academy trust and I am sending a copy of this letter to the academy trust.

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I am delighted to inform you that I have agreed to enter into a Funding Agreement so that The Churchill School will convert into an academy.

The date of conversion (within the meaning of section 6(2) of the Academies Act 2010), when the school will open as an academy will be 1 December 2023, and you should cease to maintain the school on that date.

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 this school.

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.

I am copying this letter to the academy trust and the chair of governors.

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