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To: Governing Body of St Nicolas' Church of England Combined 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 St Nicolas' CE Combined School to allow St Nicolas' Church of England Combined 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 St Nicolas' Church of England Combined School recognises the benefits Academy status will bring.

The date of conversion, when the school will open as an Academy, will be 1 May 2012. I am writing to the Local Authority to instruct it to cease to maintain St Nicolas' Church of England Combined School from that date (copy of letter enclosed).

St Nicolas' Church of England Combined 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Michael Gove'.

MICHAEL GOVE