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Highfield Junior and Infant School  
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30 March 2016

To: Highfield Junior and Infant School

I am pleased to tell you that I have agreed to enter into a Funding Agreement with Prince Albert Community Trust to allow Highfield Junior and Infant School to become a sponsored academy.

Academies form an integral part of the Government's education policy to raise attainment for all children and I am delighted that Highfield Junior and Infant School is becoming an academy.

The date the school will open as an academy will be 1 April 2016. I am writing to Birmingham City Council to instruct it to cease to maintain Highfield Junior and Infant School from that date.

Your academy 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, and I would like to thank you for your commitment and wish you every success in the future.

I have written in similar terms to the chair of governors of Highfield Junior and Infant School and I attach a copy of my letter to the local authority.

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The Chair of Governors  
Highfield Junior and Infant School  
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To: Chair of Governors of Highfield Junior and Infant 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 Prince Albert Community Trust to allow Highfield Junior and Infant School 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 Highfield Junior and Infant School recognises the benefits academy status will bring.

The date the school will open as an academy will be 1 April 2016. I am writing to the local authority to instruct it to cease to maintain Highfield Junior and Infant School from that date.

Highfield Junior and Infant School 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, and I would like to thank you for your commitment to, and assistance in, the academy process.

I am copying this letter to the sponsor and I attach a copy of my letter to them and my letter to the local authority.

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Prince Albert Community Trust  
Prince Albert School  
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30 March 2016

To: Prince Albert Community Trust

I am pleased to tell you that I have now agreed to enter into a Funding Agreement with you to allow Highfield Junior and Infant School 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 Highfield Junior and Infant School is becoming an academy.

The date the school will open as an academy will be 1 April 2016. I am writing to the local authority to instruct it to cease to maintain Highfield Junior and Infant School from that date (copy of letter enclosed).

Highfield Junior and Infant School 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, and I would like to thank you for your commitment to, and assistance in, the academy process.

I attach a copy of my letters to the chair of governors and local authority and I am copying this letter to the chair of governors.

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Mr Peter Hay  
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30 March 2016

To Mr Peter Hay, Strategic Director for People

I am delighted to inform you that I have agreed to enter into a Funding Agreement so that Highfield Junior and Infant 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 April 2016, and you should cease to maintain Highfield Junior and Infant 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. 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.

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

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