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The Vaynor First School Academy Tennyson Road Redditch Worcestershire B97 5BL

26 March 2012

To: The Vaynor First School

I am pleased to tell you that I have agreed to enter into a Funding Agreement with you to allow The Vaynor First 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 The Vaynor First School recognises the benefits Academy status will bring.

The date of conversion, when the school will open as an Academy, will be 1 April 2012. I am writing to Worcestershire County Council to instruct it to cease to maintain The Vaynor First School from that date (copy of letter enclosed).

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 am copying this letter to the head teacher. I also enclose a copy of the letters I am sending to the Governing Body of The Vaynor First School.

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Governing Body of The Vaynor First School Tennyson Road Redditch Worcestershire B97 5BL

26 March 2012

To: Governing Body of The Vaynor First 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 The Vaynor First School to allow The Vaynor First 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 The Vaynor First School recognises the benefits Academy status will bring.

The date of conversion, when the school will open as an Academy, will be 1 April 2012. I am writing to the Local Authority to instruct it to cease to maintain The Vaynor First School from that date (copy of letter enclosed).

The Vaynor First 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.

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Gail Quinton
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26 March 2012

To: Gail Quinton, Director of Children's Services

I previously wrote to you to inform you that I had made an Academy Order to allow The Vaynor First School to convert into an Academy. Further to that Academy Order, I am delighted now to be able to inform you that I have agreed to enter into a Funding Agreement with the Academy Trust established by the Governing Body of The Vaynor First School, so that the 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 2012, and you should cease to maintain The Vaynor First 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 conversion process.

I am copying this letter to the Academy Trust, the Governing Body of The Vaynor First School and the head teacher.

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