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FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR SOMERSHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

I am pleased to inform you that I have now agreed to enter into a Funding Agreement with you to allow Somersham Primary School to become a sponsored academy. My officials will forward a copy of the executed Funding Agreement to you.

The date the school will open as an academy will be 1 April 2019. I am writing to Cambridgeshire County Council to instruct it to cease maintaining Somersham Primary School from that date.

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

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

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

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