



**Rt Hon Michael Gove MP**  
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The Discovery Alliance Umbrella Trust  
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20 December 2013

To: The Discovery Alliance Umbrella Trust

I am pleased to tell you that I have agreed to enter into a Funding Agreement with you to allow Sunnyside Primary 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 Sunnyside Primary School recognises the benefits academy status will bring.

The date of conversion, when the school will open as an academy, will be 1 January 2014. I am writing to Middlesbrough Council to instruct it to cease to maintain Sunnyside Primary School from that date (copy of letter enclosed).

If you have notified the Department of any additional leases or subleases the Academy Trust wishes to grant on conversion, these will also require the consent of the Secretary of State (according to the terms of both the Funding Agreement and the relevant legislation), and we will shortly write separately in relation to this.

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 Sunnyside Primary School.

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To: Governing Body of Sunnyside Primary 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 Discovery Alliance Umbrella Trust to allow Sunnyside Primary School to become an academy.

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

The date of conversion, when the school will open as an academy, will be 1 January 2014. I am writing to the Local Authority to instruct it to cease to maintain Sunnyside Primary School from that date (copy of letter enclosed).

Sunnyside Academy Trust 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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To: Mike Robinson, Executive Director of Wellbeing Caring Learning

I previously wrote to you to inform you that I had made an Academy Order to allow Sunnyside Primary 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 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 January 2014, and you should cease to maintain Sunnyside Primary 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, that it is agreed the authority holds for the purpose of Sunnyside Primary School.

I am copying this letter to the Academy Trust, the Governing Body of Sunnyside Primary School and the head teacher.

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