



**Rt Hon Nicky Morgan MP**  
Secretary of State for Education

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TEACH Poole  
c/o Ad Astra Infant School  
Sherborn Crescent  
Canford Heath  
Poole  
BH17 8AP

27 March 2015

To: TEACH Poole

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

The date of conversion, when the school will open as an academy, will be 1 April 2015. I am writing to Borough of Poole to instruct it to cease to maintain Ad Astra Infant 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 the letters to the Chair of Governor of the Ad Astra Infant School. Please pass on a copy to the Chair of Governor of the Ad Astra Infant School.

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The Chair of Governors  
Ad Astra Infant School  
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27 March 2015

To: Chair of Governors of Ad Astra Infant 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 TEACH Poole to allow Ad Astra Infant 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 Ad Astra Infant School recognises the benefits academy status will bring.

The date of conversion, when the school will open as an academy, will be 1 April 2015. I am writing to the Local Authority to instruct it to cease to maintain Ad Astra Infant School from that date (copy of letter enclosed).

I enclose with this letter a Direction to you to transfer the land held by you for the purposes of the Ad Astra Infant School to the Academy Trust.

In circumstances where the land has been transferred to you from the Local Authority pursuant to the School Organisation (Prescribed Alterations to Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2007, but the Land Registry transfer formalities have not yet been completed; then if the transfer to the Academy Trust contains a statement to the effect that the property has vested in the Governing Body by virtue of Schedule 6 of those Regulations, the Land Registry will accept the transfer for registration notwithstanding that the Local Authority remains the registered proprietor.

Ad Astra Infant 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.

*Nicky Morgan*

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To: The Education Alliance of Canford Heath of Canford Heath Junior School, Learoyd Road, Poole, Dorset, BH17 8PJ

**DIRECTION UNDER PARAGRAPH 10 OF SCHEDULE 1 TO THE ACADEMIES ACT 2010**

1. This is a direction made further to paragraph 10 of Schedule 1 to the Academies Act 2010 and following the making of the Academy Order dated 7 May 2014 in respect of Ad Astra Infant School.
2. I hereby direct that the land listed in the Schedule below held by you for the purposes of Ad Astra Infant School be transferred by you to TEACH Poole, company number 9484306.
3. The said transfer should take place on the conversion date as specified at paragraph 2.4 of the Supplemental Funding Agreement with TEACH Poole, company number 9484306 in relation to TEACH Poole.

Signed on behalf of the Secretary of State for Education by:

Signed: ..... *A. VADHER* .....

Name: ..... A. VADHER .....

Date: ..... 27/03/15 .....

**SCHEDULE**

All that land situated at and known as:

- Ad Astra Infant School, Sherborne Crescent, Canford Heath, Poole, Dorset, BH17 8AP and registered under DT49398

as identified on the title plan(s) of the above title(s).



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Ms Jan Thurgood  
Strategic Director, People Theme  
Borough of Poole  
Civic Centre  
Poole  
BH15 2RU

27 March 2015

To: Ms Jan Thurgood, Strategic Director, People Theme

I am delighted to be able to inform you that I have agreed to enter into a Funding Agreement so that Ad Astra 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 2015, and you should cease to maintain Ad Astra 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, that it is agreed the authority holds for the purpose of Ad Astra Infant School.

I am copying this letter to the Academy Trust, the Chair of Governors of Ad Astra Infant School and the head teacher.

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