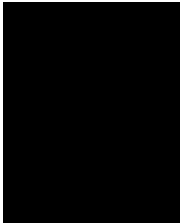




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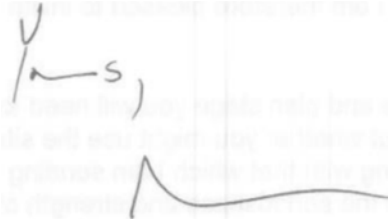
Thank you for submitting your proposal to set up a new school to the Department for Education. It has now been fully assessed and judged to be sufficiently strong in all areas to proceed to the next stage. I am therefore pleased to approve your proposal and invite you to proceed to business case stage.

I understand that you are looking to open your new school in September 2011. The Department will of course work with you to do everything it can to make this a reality. However, this is a very challenging timescale. Your DfE lead, [REDACTED] will discuss with you the implications of this, once you have had the opportunity to consider the process and work required. I am very keen for Free Schools to be innovative and responsive to parental demand, and I believe that the new school you are proposing can carry through this vision.

As you know, Free Schools form an integral part of the Government's education policy to improve choice for parents and raise standards for all young people. I will be looking to your proposal, along with other early Free Schools, to shape the way forward for future proposers.

I look forward to receiving your final business case in due course. Please continue to work with [REDACTED] in the Department throughout this process, and direct any questions you have to him.

In addition to this letter, I will also be writing to your local authority and local MP to inform them that your proposal has moved forward to business case stage.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of the letters 'Ms' followed by a long, horizontal, wavy flourish that extends to the right.

MICHAEL GOVE