# FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REDACTION SHEET

# ZEST ACADEMY TRUST

# **DEED OF VARIATION OF FUNDING AGREEMENT**

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<ul> <li>further to the understanding of and increase participation in the public debate of issues concerning Academies.</li> </ul>	To comply with obligations under the Data Protection Act	
<ul> <li>to ensure transparency in the accountability of public funds</li> </ul>		

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# ZEST ACADEMY TRUST

# DEED OF VARIATION OF FUNDING AGREEMENT

The Parties to this Deed are:

- (1) The Secretary of State for Education of Sanctuary Buildings, Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BT (the "Secretary of State");
- and -
- (2) Zest Academy Trust, a charitable company incorporated in England and Wales with registered company number 08087508, whose registered office is at Waterloo Primary Academy, Waterloo Road, Blackpool, Lancashire FY4 3AG (the "Company") together referred to as the "Parties".

#### INTRODUCTION

- A. The Parties have entered into a funding agreement on 28 June 2012 a copy of which is contained in Schedule 1, (the "Existing FA").
- B. The Parties have agreed to amend and re-state the terms of the Existing FA, in accordance with the terms of this Deed to form a multi academy trust.
- The Company intends to establish and maintain, and to carry on or provide for the carrying on of a number of Academies in accordance with the Master Funding Agreement (as defined below) and any agreement entered into between the parties which is supplemental to it.

# LEGAL AGREEMENT

- Words, expressions and interpretations used in this Deed shall, unless the
  context expressly requires otherwise, have the meaning given to them in, and
  shall be interpreted in accordance with, the Master Funding Agreement (as
  defined in clause 2 below). For the avoidance of doubt, the Schedules form
  part of this Deed.
- The Secretary of State and the Company agree that with effect from the date of this Deed, the Existing FA shall be amended and re-stated in the form of the Master Funding Agreement contained in Schedule 2 (the "Master Funding Agreement"). and the Supplemental Funding Agreement contained in Schedule 3 (the "Supplemental Funding Agreement").

# **GOVERNING LAW AND JURISDICTION**

- This Deed, and any dispute or claim arising out of or in connection with it, its subject matter or formation (including non-contractual disputes or claims) shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the law of England and Wales.
- The Parties irrevocably agree that the courts of England and Wales shall have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute or claim that arises out of, or in connection with, this deed or its subject matter or formation (including noncontractual disputes or claims).

# COUNTERPARTS

5. This Deed may be executed in any number of counterparts and by the parties to it on separate counterparts, each of which when so executed and delivered shall be an original, but all the counterparts shall together constitute one and the same instrument.

IN WITNESS whereof this Deed has been executed by the parties hereto and is intended to be and is hereby delivered on the last date listed below.

**EXECUTED** as a deed by affixing the corporate seal of the **Secretary of State for Education** authenticated by:-



Duly authorised by the Secretary of State for Education

Date 18 MAY 2016



EXECUTED as a deed by Academy Trust acting by:

Director	$\bigcirc$
Print name	
Date 8 MAY 2016	
Witnessed by Signature	
Full name	
Address	
Occupation DIRECTOR OF	
BUSINESS L'ENDOUSE	

Schedule 1

Existing FA

Schedule 2

**Master Funding Agreement** 

Schedule 3

Supplemental Funding Agreement

# SINGLE ACADEMY MODEL Mainstream

# WATERLOO PRIMARY ACADEMY

**FUNDING AGREEMENT** 

# SINGLE ACADEMY MODEL Mainstream

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#### INTRODUCTION

- This Agreement is made under section 1 of the Academies Act 2010 between the Secretary of State for Education ("the Secretary of State") and Waterloo Primary Academy (the "Academy Trust").
- The Academy Trust is a Company incorporated in England and Wales, limited by guarantee with registered Company number 8087508.
- 3) The following expressions used in this Agreement have the respective meanings assigned to them by the numbered clauses of this Agreement referred to immediately after the reference to the expressions
  - a) "Academies Financial Handbook" clause 66:
  - b) "Accounting Officer" clause 65;
  - c) "Annual Letter of Funding" clause 59;
  - d) "Chief Inspector" means Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills or his successor;
  - e) "GAG" clause 35;
  - f) "Capital Expenditure" clause 36;
  - g) "Capital Grant" clause 36;
  - h) "EAG" clause 35;
  - i) "Recurrent Expenditure" clause 35;
  - j) "Start-up Period" clause 49;
- 4) In this Agreement the following words and expressions shall have the following meanings:-

"Academy Financial Year" means the year from 1<sup>st</sup> September to 31<sup>st</sup> August or such other period as the Secretary of State may from time to time specify by notice in writing to the Academy Trust;

"Additional Governors" means Governors who may be appointed by the Secretary of

State under the Articles of Association.

"Business Day" means any day other than a Saturday, Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday or a day which is a bank holiday with the meaning given to that expression in the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971;

"Control" in relation to a body corporate ('Entity') means either the legal or beneficial ownership of 30 per cent or more of the issued shares in the Entity ordinarily having voting rights or the power of a person ('A') otherwise to secure –

- (a) either by means of the holding of shares in that Entity or having an interest conferring voting rights at general meetings of the membership of the Entity or of any other body corporate;
- (b) by virtue of any powers conferred by the articles of association or other document regulating that Entity or any other Entity or partnership including, without limitation, the power to appoint or remove a majority of the governing body thereof, or
   (c) by virtue of any agreement, understanding or arrangement between any person or persons,

that the affairs of the first-mentioned Entity are conducted in accordance with the wishes of A and 'Controls' shall be construed accordingly;

"DfE" means Department for Education;

"Further Governors" means Governors who may be appointed by the Secretary of State under the Articles of Association if a Special Measures Termination Event, as defined in this Agreement, occurs;

"LA" means the Local Authority in the area in which the Academy is situated;

"the Land" means the publicly funded land (including for the avoidance of doubt all buildings, structures landscaping and other erections) situated at and known as Waterloo Primary School, Waterloo Road, Blackpool, Lancashire FY4 3AJ

"Memorandum" and "Articles" means the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Academy Trust for the time being in force, a copy of the current version of which is annexed to this Agreement as Annex A;

"parents" means parents or guardians;

"persons" includes a body of persons, corporate or incorporate;

"Principal" means the head teacher of the Academy;

"Principal Regulator" means the entity appointed as the Principal Regulator further to the Charities Act 2006;

references to "school" shall where the context so admits be references to the Academy;

"SEN" means Special Educational Needs;

- The Interpretation Act 1978 shall apply for the interpretation of this Agreement as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.
- Expressions defined in this Agreement shall have the same meaning where used in any Annex to this Agreement.
- Questions arising on the interpretation of the arrangements in this Agreement shall be resolved by the Secretary of State after consultation with the Academy Trust.
- 8) Section 1 (3) of the Academies Act 2010 states that:
  - (3) An Academy agreement is an agreement between the Secretary of State and the other party under which-
    - (a) the other party gives the undertakings in subsection (5), and
    - (b) the Secretary of State agrees to make payments to the other party in consideration of those undertakings.

# LEGAL AGREEMENT

9) In consideration of the Academy Trust undertaking to establish and maintain, and to carry on or provide for the carrying on of, an independent school in England to be known as the Waterloo Primary Academy ("the Academy") and having such characteristics as are referred to in clause 10, the Secretary of State agrees to make payments to the Academy Trust in accordance with the conditions and requirements set out in this Agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, any obligations imposed upon or powers given to the Academy by this Agreement are also imposed upon the Academy Trust.

#### CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ACADEMY

- 10) The characteristics of the Academy set down in Section 1A(1) of the Academies Act 2010, are that:
  - (a) It is an independent school;
  - (b) It has a curriculum satisfying the requirements of section 78 of the Education
     Act 2002 (balanced and broadly based curriculum)
  - (c) it provides education for pupils of different abilities
  - it provides education for pupils who are wholly or mainly drawn from the area in which the school is situated, and
  - (e) it is not an alternative provision Academy.

# ACADEMY OPENING DATE

11) The Academy shall open as a school on 1 July 2012 replacing Waterloo Primary School which shall cease to be maintained by the Local Authority on that date, which date shall be the conversion date within the meaning of the Academies Act 2010.

# CONDITIONS OF GRANT

#### General

- 12) Other conditions and requirements in respect of the Academy are that:
  - (a) the school will be at the heart of its community, promoting community cohesion and sharing facilities with other schools and the wider community;
  - (b) there will be assessments of pupils performance as they apply to maintained schools and the opportunity to study for relevant qualifications in accordance with clause 29 (d);
  - (c) the admissions policy and arrangements for the school will be in accordance with admissions law, and the DfE Codes of Practice, as they apply to maintained schools;
  - (d) teachers' levels of pay and conditions of service for all employees will be the responsibility of the Academy Trust;
  - (e) there will be an emphasis on the needs of the individual pupils including pupils with special education needs (SEN), both those with and without statements of SEN;
  - (f) there will be no charge in respect of admission to the school and the school will only charge pupils where the law allows maintained schools to charge;

(g) the Academy Trust shall as soon as reasonably practicable establish an appropriate mechanism for the receipt and management of donations and shall use reasonable endeavours to procure donations through that mechanism for the purpose of the objects specified in the Articles.

#### Governance

- 13) The Academy will be governed by a governing body ("the Governing Body") who are the Directors of the company constituted under the Articles of the Academy Trust.
- 14) The Governing Body shall have regard to (but for the avoidance of doubt shall not be bound by) any guidance as to the governance of academies that the Secretary of State may publish.

#### Conduct

- 15) The Academy shall be conducted in accordance with:
  - a) the Articles, which shall not be amended by the Academy Trust without the written consent of the Secretary of State, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld;
  - all provisions by or under statute which confer rights or impose obligations on Academies including, without limitation, the independent schools standards prescribed under section 157 of the Education Act 2002 to the extent they apply to the Academy
  - c) the terms of this Agreement.

# Criminal Records Bureau Checks

16) The Academy shall comply with the requirements of the Education (Independent School Standards) (England) Regulations 2010 (or such other regulations as may for the time being be applicable) in relation to carrying out enhanced criminal records checks, obtaining enhanced criminal records certificates and making any further checks, as required and appropriate for members of staff, supply staff, individual Governors and the Chair of the Governing Body.

# Pupils

17) The planned capacity of the Academy is 630 (7 years of 90) in the age range 4 to 11, and a nursery unit of 52 places (26 full time equivalent). The Academy will be an all ability inclusive school whose requirements for:

- a) the admission of pupils to the Academy are set out in Annex B to this Agreement;
- the admission to the Academy of and support for pupils with SEN and with disabilities (for pupils who have and who do not have statements of SEN) are set out in Annex C to this Agreement;
- c) pupil exclusions are set out in Annex D to this Agreement.

# Designated Teacher for Looked After Children

17A) The Academy Trust will in respect of the Academy act in accordance with, and be bound by, all relevant statutory and regulatory provisions and have regard to any guidance and codes of practice issued pursuant to such provisions, as they apply at any time to a maintained school, relating to the designation of a person to manage the teaching and learning programme for children who are looked after by an LA and are registered pupils at the school. For the purpose of this clause, any reference to the governing body of a maintained school in such statutory and regulatory provisions, or in any guidance and code of practice issued pursuant to such provisions, shall be deemed to be references to the Governing Body of the Academy Trust.

#### Teachers and other staff

- 18) Subject to clause 19, the Academy Trust shall not employ anyone under a contract of employment or for services to carry out planning and preparing lessons and courses for pupils, delivering lessons to pupils, assessing the development, progress and attainment of pupils, and reporting on the development, progress and attainment of pupils ("specified work") who is not either:-
  - a) a qualified teacher within the meaning of regulations made under section 132 of the Education Act 2002; or
  - otherwise eligible to do specified work under the Education (Specified Work and Registration) (England) Regulations 2003 (SI 2003/1663), which for the purpose of this clause shall be construed as if the Academy were a maintained school.

# 19) Clause 18 does not apply to anyone who:

- a) was transferred to the employment of the Academy Trust by virtue of the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006;
- b) immediately prior to the transfer, was employed to do specified work; and
- c) immediately prior to the transfer, was not:
  - (i) a qualified teacher within the meaning of regulations made under

- section 132 of the Education Act 2002 and registered with full registration with the appropriate body, or
- (ii) eligible to do specified work under the Education (Specified Work and Registration) (England) Regulations 2003 (SI 2003/1663)

("transferred staff member"). The Academy Trust shall use its best endeavours to ensure that any transferred staff member who undertakes specified work and does not meet the requirements of clause 18(a) or clause 18(b) meets such requirements as soon as possible.

- 20) The Academy Trust shall ensure that all teachers employed at the Academy have access to the Teachers Pension Scheme and, in so doing, will comply with the statutory provisions underlying the scheme.
- 21) The Academy Trust shall ensure that all employees at the Academy other than teachers have access to the Local Government Pension Scheme.

# Curriculum, curriculum development and delivery and RE and collective worship

- 22) The curriculum provided by the Academy to pupils up to the age of 16 shall be broad and balanced.
- 22A) The Academy Trust shall publish information in relation to its current curriculum provision. Such information shall include details relating to
  - a) the content of the curriculum;
  - b) its approach to the curriculum;
  - c) the GCSE options (and other Key Stage 4 qualifications) offered by the Academy;
     and
  - d) how parents (including prospective parents) can obtain further information in relation to the Academy's curriculum.
- 23) The Academy Trust shall ensure that the broad and balanced curriculum includes English, Mathematics and Science.
- 24) The Academy Trust shall make provision for the teaching of religious education and for a daily act of collective worship at the Academy.

- 25) Where the Academy is designated with a religious character in accordance with section 124B of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 or further to section 6(8) of the Academies Act 2010:
  - a) subject to clause 27, and paragraph 4 of Schedule 19 to the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 which shall apply as if the Academy were a voluntary aided school with a religious character, the Academy Trust shall ensure that provision is made for Religious Education to be given to all pupils at the Academy in accordance with the tenets of the specified religion or religious denomination of the Academy;
  - b) subject to clause 27, the Academy Trust shall comply with the requirements of section 70(1) of, and Schedule 20 to, the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 as if the Academy were a foundation school with a religious character or a voluntary school, and as if references to ' the required collective worship' were references to collective worship in accordance with the tenets and practices of the specified religion or religious denomination of the Academy;
  - c) the Academy Trust shall ensure that the quality of Religious Education given to pupils at the Academy and the contents of the Academy's collective worship given in accordance with the tenets and practice of the specific religion or religious denomination are inspected. Such inspection shall be conducted by a person chosen by the Academy Trust and the Academy shall secure that such inspection shall comply with the requirements set out in any statutory provision and regulations as if the Academy were a foundation or voluntary school which has been designated under section 69(3) of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 as having a religious character.
- 26) Where the Academy has not been designated with a religious character in accordance with section 124B of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 or further to Section 6(8) of the Academies Act 2010:
  - a) subject to clause 27, the Academy Trust shall ensure that provision shall be made for religious education to be given to all pupils at the Academy in accordance with the requirements for agreed syllabuses in section 375(3) of the Education Act 1996 and paragraph 2(5) of Schedule 19 to the School Standards and Framework Act 1998;
  - b) subject to clause 27, the Academy Trust shall ensure that the Academy complies with the requirements of section 70(1) of, and Schedule 20 to, the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 as if it were a community, foundation or

voluntary school which does not have a religious character, except that the provisions of paragraph 4 of that Schedule do not apply. The Academy may apply to the Secretary of State for consent to be relieved of the requirement imposed by paragraph 3(2) of that Schedule, the Secretary of State's consent to such an application not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed;

# c) the Academy Trust:

- (1) agrees that before making an application pursuant to the Religious Character of Schools (Designation Procedure) (Independent Schools) (England) Regulations 2003 for the Academy to be designated as a school with religious character it shall seek the prior written consent of the Secretary of State;
- (2) hereby acknowledges that the Secretary of State may in his absolute discretion refuse or consent to the Academy Trust making such an application.
- 27) Section 71(1) (6) and (8) of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 shall apply as if the Academy were a community, foundation or voluntary school, and as if references to "Religious Education" and to "Religious Worship" in that section were references to the religious education and religious worship provided by the Academy in accordance with clauses 25 or 26 as appropriate.
- 28) The Academy Trust shall have regard to any guidance issued by the Secretary of State, further to section 403 of the Education Act 1996, on sex and relationship education to ensure that children at the Academy are protected from inappropriate teaching materials and they learn the nature of marriage and its importance for family life and for bringing up children. The Academy Trust shall also have regard to the requirements set out in section 405 of the Education Act 1996 which shall apply to the Academy as if it were a maintained school.
- 28A) The Academy Trust agrees to act in accordance with Sections 406 (Political Indoctrination) and 407 (Duty to secure balanced treatment of political issues) of the Education Act 1996 as if it were a maintained school, subject to the following modifications:
  - a) references to any maintained school shall be treated as references to the

# Academy;

- references to registered pupils shall be treated as references to registered pupils at the Academy;
- references to the governing body or the local authority shall, in each case, be treated as references to the Academy Trust; and
- references to the head teacher shall, in each case, be treated as references to the Principal of the Academy.

#### Assessment

- 29) The Secretary of State will notify the appropriate body for assessment purposes about the Academy.
  - a) The Academy Trust shall ensure that the Academy complies with any guidance issued by the Secretary of State from time to time to ensure that pupils take part in assessments and in teacher assessments of pupil's performance as they apply to maintained schools.
  - b) The Academy Trust shall report to any body on assessments under clause 29 as the Secretary of State shall prescribe and shall provide such information as may be required by that body as applies to maintained schools.
  - In respect of all Key Stages, the Academy Trust will submit the Academy to monitoring and moderation of its assessment arrangements as prescribed by the Secretary of State,
  - d) The Academy Trust may not offer courses at the Academy which lead to relevant qualifications, as defined in section 96 of the Learning and Skills Act 2000, unless the Secretary of State gives specific approval for such courses.

# **Exclusions Agreement**

- 30) The Academy Trust shall, if invited to do so by an LA, enter into an agreement in respect of the Academy with that LA, which has the effect that where:
  - a) the Academy Trust admits a pupil to the Academy who has been permanently excluded from a maintained school, the Academy itself or another Academy with whom the LA has a similar agreement; or

b) the Academy Trust permanently excludes a pupil from the Academy

payment will flow between the Academy Trust and the LA in the same direction and for the same amount that it would, were the Academy a maintained school, under Regulations made under section 47 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 relating to the addition or deduction of a maintained school's budget following a permanent exclusion or the admission of a permanently excluded pupil. At the date of this Agreement, the applicable Regulation is Regulation 23 of the School Finance (England) Regulations 2011.

#### School Meals

- 31) The Academy Trust shall, if requested to do so by or on behalf of any pupils at the Academy, provide school lunches for those pupils unless it would be unreasonable for it to do so. Subject to the provisions of clause 32 charges may be levied for lunches, but the Academy Trust shall otherwise fund the cost of such school lunches from its GAG.
- 32) In relation to a pupil who is himself or whose parents are in receipt of benefits mentioned in section 512ZB of the Education Act 1996 (or equivalent provision governing the entitlement to free school lunches of pupils at maintained schools), the Academy Trust shall ensure that a school lunch is provided for such a pupil free of charge to be funded out of the Academy Trust's GAG.

# Charging

- 33) Sections 402 (Obligation to enter pupils for public examinations), 450 457 (charges), 459 (regulations about information about charges and school hours) and 460 (voluntary contributions), 461 (recovery of sums as civil debt) 462 (Interpretation re charges) of the Education Act 1996 (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any secondary legislation made further to those provisions) shall be deemed to apply to the Academy with the following modifications:
  - a) references to any maintained school shall be treated as references to the Academy;
  - references to registered pupils shall be treated as references to registered pupils at the Academy;
  - references to the governing body or the local education authority shall, in each case, be treated as references to the Academy Trust;
  - d) the charging and remissions policies required to be determined under section 457,
     and any amendment thereto, shall require the approval of the Secretary of State; and

 the Academy Trust may charge persons who are not registered pupils at the Academy for education provided or for facilities used by them at the Academy.

# International Education Surveys

33A) The Secretary of State may, by notice in writing to the Academy Trust, require the Academy Trust to participate in an international education survey and the Academy Trust shall, upon receipt of such notice, participate in that survey and provide to the Secretary of State or to those carrying out the survey all such assistance and information as may reasonably be required for the purposes of the Academy's participation in that survey.

# **Pupil Premium**

- 33B) The Academy Trust shall publish in each Academy Financial Year information in relation to:
  - a) the amount of Pupil Premium allocation that it will receive during the Academy Financial Year;
  - b) on what it intends to spend the Pupil Premium allocation;
  - c) on what it spent its Pupil Premium in the previous Academy Financial Year;
  - d) the impact in educational attainment, arising from expenditure of the previous Academy Financial Year's Pupil Premium.

# GRANTS TO BE PAID BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE

#### General

- 34) The Secretary of State shall pay grants towards Capital and Recurrent Expenditure for the Academy. Except with the Secretary of State's prior agreement, the Academy Trust shall not budget for its expenditure in any Academy Financial Year in excess of expected income. The Academy Trust shall not enter into commitments which are likely to have substantial implications for future levels of grant, or for the period for which grant may be required. No decision by the Academy Trust shall commit the Secretary of State to paying any particular amount of grant.
- 35) "Recurrent Expenditure" means any expenditure on the establishment, conduct, administration and maintenance of the Academy which does not fall within the categories of capital expenditure set out at clause 36. The Secretary of State shall pay two separate and distinct grants in respect of Recurrent Expenditure: General Annual Grant

# Capital Grant

- 36) "Capital Expenditure" means expenditure on:
  - a) the acquisition of land and buildings;
  - the erection, enlargement, improvement or demolition of any building including fixed plant, installation, wall, fence or other structure, or any playground or hard standing;
  - the installation of electrical, mechanical or other services other than necessary replacements, repairs and maintenance due to normal wear and tear;
  - d) the purchase of vehicles and other self-propelled mechanical equipment;
  - the installation and equipping of premises with furnishings and equipment, other than necessary replacements, repairs and maintenance due to normal wear and tear;
  - the installation and equipping of premises with computers, networking for computers, operating software and information and communication technology equipment, other than necessary updates or necessary replacements, repairs and maintenance due to normal wear and tear;
  - g) the provision and equipping of premises, including playing fields and other facilities for social activities and physical recreation other than necessary replacements, repairs and maintenance due to normal wear and tear;
  - h) works of a permanent character other than the purchase or replacement of minor day-to day items;
  - any major repairs or replacements which are specified as constituting capital expenditure in any grant letter relating to them;
  - such other items (whether of a like or dissimilar nature to any of the foregoing) of a substantial or enduring nature as the Secretary of State may agree shall constitute capital expenditure for the purposes of this Agreement;
  - all professional fees properly and reasonably incurred in connection with the provision of any of the above;
  - I) VAT and other taxes payable on any of the above.
  - "Capital Grant" means grant paid to the Academy Trust in respect of Capital Expenditure.
- 37) Where the Academy is to open in new premises, or where existing premises are to be substantially refurbished or remodelled to enable the Academy to open in such premises, the Secretary of State, may, in his absolute discretion be responsible for meeting the incurred Capital Expenditure for that Academy. To that end, the Secretary of State will consider providing funding in accordance with any arrangements as he considers

appropriate.

- 38) Any Capital Expenditure incurred in respect of the Academy on which Capital Grant payments are sought from the Secretary of State will require the specific prior written agreement of the Secretary of State, which agreement shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.
- 39) Any payment of Capital Grant to the Academy Trust under this Agreement is subject to the fulfilment of the following conditions:
  - a) such grants are used solely to defray expenditure approved by the Secretary of State;
  - the Academy Trust certifying and providing evidence that all planning and other consents necessary for the development and all related infrastructure to be completed have been obtained or put in place;
  - c) any other conditions that the Secretary of State may specify.

# Arrangements for Payment of Capital Grant

40) Capital Grant will be paid by the Secretary of State to the Academy Trust on the basis of claims for grant submitted to the Secretary of State in the notified format with supporting invoices and certificates as required by the Secretary of State. If a dispute arises as to whether a claim is or is not acceptable both parties undertake to attempt to resolve it in good faith. In the event of such a dispute, the Secretary of State shall pay to the Academy Trust so much of the claim as shall not be in dispute.

#### **General Annual Grant**

- 41) GAG will be paid by the Secretary of State to the Academy Trust in order to cover the normal running costs of the Academy. These will include, but are not limited to:
  - a) teachers' salaries and related costs (including full and part time teaching staff and seconded teachers);
  - non-teaching staff salaries and related costs (including pension contributions, educational support staff, administrative and clerical staff and manual and premises related staff);
  - c) employees' expenses;
  - d) the purchase, maintenance, repair and replacement:
    - (i) of teaching and learning materials and other educational equipment,

including books, stationery and ICT equipment and software, sports equipment and laboratory equipment and materials;

- (ii) of other supplies and services;
- e) examination fees;
- f) repairs, servicing and maintenance of buildings (including redecoration, heating, plumbing, lighting etc); maintenance of grounds (including boundary fences and walls); cleaning materials and contract cleaning; water and sewage; fuel and light (including fuel oil, solid and other fuel, electricity and gas); rents; rates; purchase, maintenance, repairs and replacement of furniture and fittings;
- g) insurance, provided that the Secretary of State shall not be obliged to pay GAG in relation to insurance to the extent that insurance and/or comparable arrangements are made available to the Academy Trust (whether at a cost to the Academy Trust or otherwise and whether made available by and/or on behalf of the Secretary of State or otherwise) save that, to the extent that such insurance and/or comparable arrangements as may be made available constitute a cost for the Academy Trust, the Secretary of State shall provide a contribution through GAG in relation to such cost;
- h) medical equipment and supplies;
- i) staff development (including in-service training);
- j) curriculum development;
- k) the costs of providing school meals for pupils (including the cost of providing free school meals to pupils who are eligible to receive them), and discretionary grants to pupils to meet the cost of pupil support, including support for pupils with special educational needs or disabilities (taking account of the fact that separate additional money will be available for pupils with statements of special educational needs);
- I) administration;
- m) establishment expenses and other institutional costs.
- 42) Subject to clauses to 50-51, GAG for each Academy Financial Year for the Academy will include:
  - a) funding equivalent to that which would be received by a maintained school with similar characteristics, determined by the Secretary of State and notified in the Annual Letter of Funding or its equivalent, taking account of the number of pupils at the Academy;
  - funding in respect of functions which would be carried out by the LA if the Academy were a maintained school.

- 43) The GAG for each Academy Financial Year for the Academy will also include, payable on a basis equivalent to that applied to maintained schools:
  - funding for matters for which it is necessary for the Academy to incur extra costs, for as long as those costs are deemed necessary by the Secretary of State; and
  - payments in respect of further, specific grants made available to maintained schools, where the Academy meets the requisite conditions and criteria necessary for a maintained school to receive these grants.
- 44) Subject to clause 46, the basis of the pupil number count for the purposes of determining GAG for the Academy Financial Year in which the Academy opens shall be the same basis as that used by the Local Authority for determining the budget share of the predecessor maintained school as adjusted by numbers counted in any subsequent Schools Census, as determined by the Secretary of State. In subsequent years the basis of the pupil count will be as determined by the Secretary of State.
- 45) Subject to clause 46, the basis of the pupil number count for the purpose of determining GAG for the Academy for Academy Financial Years after the Academy Financial Year in which the Academy opens will be:
  - a) for the pupil number count for pupils in Year 11 and below, the Schools Census which is used to fund maintained schools for the financial year overlapping with the Academy Financial Year in question; and
  - b) for the pupil number count for pupils in Year 12 and above, the formula which for the time being is in use for maintained schools for the calculation of pupil numbers for pupils in Year 12 and above for the purpose of calculating their level of funding.
- 46) Where either of the following conditions applies in respect of an Academy Financial Year, the basis of the pupil count shall be determined by the Secretary of State, taking account of any diseconomies of scale that the Academy will be under as a result of such condition(s) applying. The conditions are:
  - a) not all planned Year-groups will be present at the Academy (that is, not all the pupil cohorts relevant to the age-range of the Academy will have some pupils present); or
  - b) the total number of pupils as measured in the Schools Census which is used to fund maintained schools for the financial year overlapping with the Academy Financial Year in question is less than 90% of the planned final size of the Academy, which is630, and has not at any previous time been greater than 90%