



Education & Skills
Funding Agency

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Dear colleague

Welcome from the Education and Skills Funding Agency

I am delighted to welcome you to the large and growing group of academies that are helping to improve educational standards for children and young people.

The Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) is the department's operating agency for funding and assurance. Our work with academies covers 4 main areas. We:

- provide revenue funding and support delivery of capital funding programmes
- work closely with the sector on good financial health and reporting, as well as prevention of financial failure
- are the first port of call for any enquiries from you that relate to matters within our scope
- carry out a number of compliance and assurance activities on behalf of the Secretary of State, including monitoring compliance with funding agreements and investigating complaints about the administration of admission appeal panels.

You can read more about what we do on GOV.UK.

To help you in the first few months of opening we've attached a welcome pack for new academies which signposts you to important information and highlights significant milestones which you and your management team will need; I am sure you will find it useful.

Our Director of Academies is Mike Pettifer and he is supported by a number of teams located across the country. If you have any comments over your first few weeks and months as an academy, or feedback you would like to share, please do let Mike know. Equally if there are any outstanding issues related to you opening as an academy, please do get in touch.

I am sure this is an exciting time for you, as it is for us. We very much look forward to working with you in the best interests of the achievement and progression of all your pupils.

Yours sincerely

Eileen Milner
Chief Executive, Education and Skills Funding Agency

