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Dear colleague,

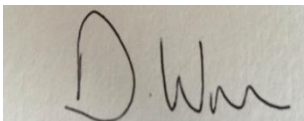
A school's decision to think about becoming an academy is an important consideration for any school. Who to talk to and when, is set out in the schools' section of the Diocese of Gloucester. Please click on this link for more information [Becoming an academy or joining a Multi-Academy Trust – Diocese of Gloucester](#)

In addition to this advice the GDBE has reflected on some of the most recent academy conversions and identified that delays and additional costs are often incurred in aspects related to land issues. To reduce these costs and delays the GDBE met in November and asked that contact is made to all maintained schools occupying unregistered school sites with a request for them to provide the GDBE with six months' notice prior to joining a school trust. The GDBE would at this stage start the processes of registering the school's land at no cost to the school.

The GDBE believes that by starting this process earlier, will lead to an improved academy conversion process, impacting more positively on the school, MAT and GDBE.

If you have any questions related to this, please let me know.

Yours sincerely



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