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Dear colleague

Academies - position statement

We remain committed to supporting the schools in Derbyshire to enable all children to achieve the best possible outcomes. We are proud of the achievement of all of our schools and the excellent partnership working that underpins our quest for continuous improvement.

Whilst we have no issues with the academy principle, any rapid proliferation of academies would require consideration of the long term effects on our education system.

Areas that require further investigation include admissions arrangements, support for children with special educational needs (SEN) statements, child protection, capital investments, legal, health and safety and personnel matters.

We await more details following the Secretary of State's announcement on Monday 24 May 2010.

Yours sincerely

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