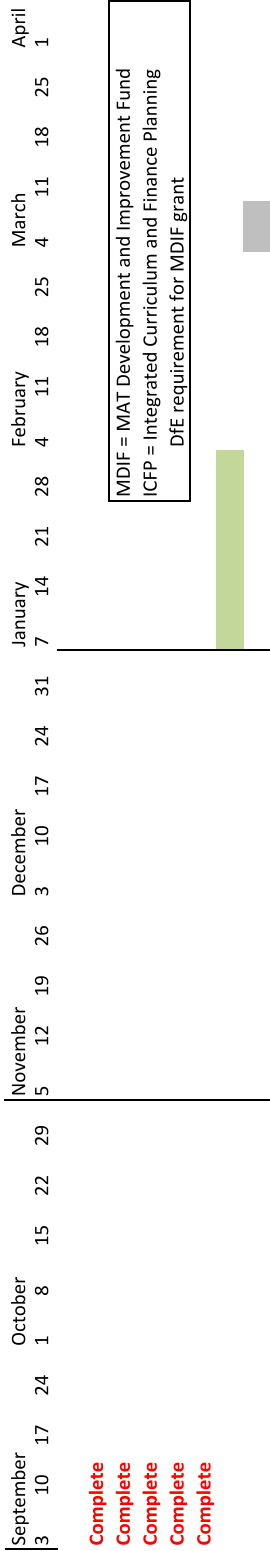


**DEALT FORMATION AND ACADEMY CONVERSION**

**TIMELINE SEPTEMBER 2018 TO APRIL 2019**

**Correct at 11 December 2018**

This timeline would allow DEALT to commence operation and for schools to convert on 1 April 2019. Dates shown in green are assumed to be the DfE deadlines for specific actions - not yet published. This timing is not finalised. Schools will not convert until all arrangements are in place for them to do so.



Establishment of DEALT requires registration of a charitable limited company at Companies House. This is the company with the 5 members and initial trustees identified in the FAQ document in May. The Articles of Association for the Company use DfE model documents agreed with the Charity Commission. DfE has offered a grant to support the establishment of DEALT – in particular to cover initial central costs. In order to secure this grant the company needs to be established and to have its own bank account. Establishment of the Company does not constitute a commitment. The Company can remain empty or be wound up if schools decide not to proceed. The commitment occurs when each LGB makes a decision to proceed and funding agreements are signed.

- Trust establishment**
- Draft master funding agreement
- Review master funding agreement
- Master funding agreement submitted to DfE
- DfE clears master funding agreement
- Master funding agreement signed and submitted
- Master funding agreement comes into force

**School conversions**

- Information gathering: PM
- PM meets site trustees (church schools)
- Meeting LA to discuss process
- Draft supplemental funding agreements
- Review supplemental funding agreements
- First legal documents submitted<sup>1</sup>
- DfE clears documents
- Supplemental funding agreements signed
- Church supplemental agreements signed
- Signed agreements submitted to DfE

Notes  
<sup>1</sup> Supplemental Funding agreements  
 Land questionnaires  
 Church Supplemental Agreements  
 Trust modification if necessary - Church

The key legal document that every Academy Trust enters into is a funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education for MATs this is a master funding agreement and supplemental funding agreements. These are contracts setting out the obligations placed on academy trusts in return for continued public funding and also use DfE models.

Governors confirm agreement to convert

