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New Academies: Briefing for ATL Reps #2

As outlined in the Briefing circulated on 28 May 2010, more than 3,500 maintained primary, secondary and special schools across England rated 'outstanding' by Ofsted have been pre-approved for Academy status by the Secretary of State.

You may have read news reports this week that, since receiving the Secretary of State's letter to head teachers last week, that 626 of these 'outstanding' schools - plus a further 488 'non outstanding' schools – had already 'applied' for Academy status.

We have clarified with the Department for Education that this simply means that those schools have registered an interest in making such a change by completing an online form on the Department for Education website. They have **not** passed a resolution at their Governing Body, and therefore have not, in fact, formally applied for Academy status.

Although ATL has a database of the 3,500+ outstanding schools the Department for Education is not currently divulging the names of the schools who have completed their online expression of interest form.

It is imperative that we gather this information as soon as possible so that we can target our information and support to those who need it most.

If you believe your school has completed the online expression of interest form, please provide the schools details below.

Notwithstanding completion of the online expression of interest form, no school can become an Academy without passing a resolution at its Governing Body.

So the other vital piece of information we need is contact details for any ATL members who sit on your School's Governing Body. This is especially important information if your school is rated outstanding and/or has completed the online expression of interest form. But it is useful information from any school.

You can submit this information via an online survey [here](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/academyinfo) (<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/academyinfo>)

Many thanks in advance.