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Currently, schools are said to be failing if rated inadequate by Ofsted and missing government benchmarks on results and pupil progress, but new yardsticks are to be consulted on in the near future. What are academies? She told the BBC it currently took 13 months on average to turn a school into an academy, and “a day spent in a failing school is a day too long when a child’s education is at stake”. “It is very depressing to see the government’s partisan and divisive education policy continuing into this Parliament.” Academy chain leaders welcomed the plan. “In many cases academisation may be the best solution. However, in itself it is not a magic wand.”

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