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Dear [REDACTED] and [REDACTED],

**Minded to Terminate Letter to the Members and Directors of the Trust in Learning (Academies) (TiLA) in respect of Bridge Learning Campus.**

In accordance with section 2A of the Academies Act 2010<sup>i</sup> any funding agreement of an academy may be terminated by the Secretary of State where special measures are required to be taken by the academy or the academy requires significant improvement and the Chief Inspector of Ofsted has given notice of that under section 13(3) (a) of the Education Act 2005.

Following your Ofsted inspection of 15 May 2018, I received an Ofsted notification dated 25 June 2018 confirming that Bridge Learning Campus was judged Inadequate requiring significant improvement.

Of serious concern are Ofsted's conclusions that:

- Pupils have made weaker progress than in nine out of ten schools nationally at both key stage 2 and key stage 4 for a number of years.
- Pupils cannot write as well as pupils in other schools.
- Pupils who have special educational needs (SEN) and/or disabilities make poor progress because teachers do not give them the support that they need.
- Teachers do not assess what pupils can do precisely enough.
- Middle leaders have an overgenerous view of the quality of teaching. When monitoring, they focus on what the teacher is doing rather than the progress that the pupils are making.
- Pupils are away from school too often.

As the Regional Schools Commissioner acting on behalf of the Secretary of State, I know you understand that I need to be satisfied that the Trust will support Bridge Learning Campus to achieve rapid and sustained improvement. If I am not satisfied

this can be achieved I will consider issuing a Termination Warning Notice in respect of the Supplemental Funding Agreement for the Academy.

We met to discuss Bridge Learning Campus on 9 July 2018. We spoke about your plans to provide rapid and sustainable improvement and analysed your proposed post Ofsted action plan, which you sent prior to our meeting.

The action plan identifies objectives including:

Demonstrating effective progress in removal from inadequate categories as judged by Ofsted;

Demonstrating significant improvement in outcomes in line with predictions at all levels in 2018;

Successfully securing effective leadership at Bridge Learning Campus and continuing to work with Cabot Learning Federation (CLF) teaching school in bringing improvement to the leadership of teaching and learning across the Trust.

I would be grateful for a monthly progress update to the post Ofsted action plan, with the first one to be sent to my Deputy Director [REDACTED] and Bristol delivery team lead, [REDACTED] in the new academic term and before 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

Please respond to me within fifteen working days of the date of this letter, copied to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], confirming that you will complete the above actions in the timescales suggested.

I am copying this letter to the National Schools Commissioner.

Yours sincerely,



**Lisa Mannall**

**Regional Schools Commissioner for the South West**

**CC Sir David Carter National Schools Commissioner**

**[REDACTED], Service Director, Education and Skills, Bristol City Council**

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<sup>1</sup> Inserted by section 14 of the Education and Adoption Act 2016