Termination Warning Notice to the Members and Directors of the Lincoln Anglican Academy Trust in respect of William Lovell Church of England Academy

In accordance with section 2A of the Academies Act 20101 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.

I received an Ofsted notification dated March 12th confirming that William Lovell Church of England Academy was judged to be inadequate and requires special measures.

In the Ofsted inspection report, Ofsted highlighted a number of concerns, including, that:

- “Teachers do not have high enough expectations of what all pupils can achieve. The quality and presentation of pupils’ work vary considerably.
- Leaders have not taken swift and effective action to improve pupils’ progress in a range of subjects, including mathematics.
- The quality of teaching is inadequate. Work is not planned well enough to challenge pupils, especially the most able. Subject leaders do not monitor the quality of teaching and learning in their departments closely enough.”

It has also been the case that the standards of performance of pupils at William Lovell Church of England Academy are unacceptably low:- Lincoln Anglican Academies Trust has been accountable for the academy since April 2015. The academy was below the floor standard in 2016 and 2017.

- In 2016, the academy’s progress 8 score was -0.54, well below the national average.
In 2017, the progress 8 score was -0.62, and only 21% of pupils achieved Grade 5 or above in English and maths GCSEs, well below the LA average of 42.4%.

Having reviewed the report and following discussions with the trust, I have concerns about the ability of the trust to deliver the required improvements in a rapid and sustained manner.

In making the decision on whether to terminate the funding agreement I will consider any written representations you wish to make.

Please provide me with any representations you have by 12 July 2018.

I am copying this letter to the National Schools Commissioner.

Yours sincerely

John Edwards
Regional Schools Commissioner for East Midlands and Humber

Cc: Sir David Carter, National Schools Commissioner; Diocese of Lincoln and Lincolnshire Local Authority

\[1\] Inserted by section 14 of the Education and Adoption Act 2016