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22 November 2018

Dear Mr Graham,

**Minded to Terminate Letter to the Members and Directors of the Cuckoo Hall Academies Trust in respect of Cuckoo Hall Academy, Enfield.**

In accordance with section 2A of the Academies Act 2010<sup>1</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.

Last year I received notification from Ofsted, dated 12-13 July 2017 (published on 20 October 2017), confirming that Cuckoo Hall Academy was judged to be Inadequate, and required special measures. Following the Ofsted inspection, I met with CHAT's CEO and trustees and agreed to monitor the school's progress for one academic year, whilst you implemented a school improvement plan.

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 Cuckoo Hall Academy to achieve rapid and sustained improvement. We met to review the trust's performance, with particular focus on Cuckoo Hall Academy, on Tuesday 25 September 2018. I am concerned about the limited improvement in pupils' outcomes at Cuckoo Hall Academy this year, and the trust's capacity to provide the support the school requires.

I have written to you separately outlining my expectations for how the trust will address the areas for improvement we discussed. With respect to Cuckoo Hall Academy, I would like to proceed in the following way:

- For you to provide a revised and updated school improvement plan including clearly measurable milestones linked to outstanding issues from the Ofsted report, together with 2019 target outcomes, by 6 December 2018.
- For you to provide half-termly reports, and attend meetings with myself or senior members of my team, to review progress.
- I will also arrange for an Education Adviser visit early in the New Year to assess the trust's capacity and strategy for school improvement. My office will be in touch to arrange a suitable date.

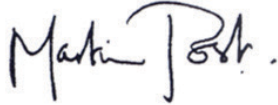
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<sup>1</sup> Inserted by section 14 of the Education and Adoption Act 2016

This will inform my decision-making going forward. If at any point I am not satisfied that the improvement Cuckoo Hall Academy requires can be achieved, I will issue a Termination Warning Notice in respect of the Supplemental Funding Agreement for the Academy.

I am copying this letter to the Interim National Schools Commissioner, Dominic Herrington, and Enfield Local Authority. This letter will be published on [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) .

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Martin Post." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'P'.

**Martin Post**  
**Regional Schools Commissioner, North West London and South Central**

**Cc: Dominic Herrington, Interim National Schools Commissioner**