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Mr R T Cowern
Chair of Trustees, The Giles Academy
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Dear Mr Cowern

On 1 November 2016, we wrote to you to serve notice that The Giles Academy (‘the trust’) was required to improve financial management processes, internal controls and governance following the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) investigation that took place in 2016.

The Financial Notice to Improve (FNtl) required you to address the weaknesses and irregularities found in the external financial management/compliance and governance reviews conducted as part of the investigation.

Further to our close monitoring of the trust’s progress, I am content that the FNtl conditions have been met. Furthermore, I am grateful for the assurances provided regarding the improvement of financial management, control and governance at the trust. As a result, I’m pleased to inform you that the FNtl will be lifted, with effect from 29 November 2018, with the following condition:

- the trust moves to the most recent funding agreement (March 2018 v4) which reflects recent legislative changes, by 10 January 2019.

This letter will be published on the GOV.UK website in due course following on from the publication of the FNtl on 5 November 2016. It will be important that controls and processes across the trust continue to be embedded and closely monitored.

I would like to thank you for your hard work, dedication and support in ensuring the trust has reached this position.

Yours sincerely

Mike Pettifer

Director, Academies and Maintained Schools Group

cc Vicky Beer, Lancashire & West Yorkshire Regional Schools Commissioner
Linda Emmett, Accounting Officer
John Cornally, Executive Headteacher