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Dear Andrew and Sue

Minded to Terminate Letter to the Members and Trustees of the Red Kite Schools Trust in respect of Ivingswood Primary Academy

In accordance with section 2A of the Academies Act 2010ⁱ 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 12 September 2018 confirming that Ivingswood Primary Academy was judged to be inadequate and requires special measures. Although the monitoring visit dated 14 May 2019 stated that progress had been made, it also noted further improvements to be made regarding pupil progress and outcomes including:

- Leaders review the pupils' progress regularly to identify where additional support is needed. However, teachers do not consistently use pupils' assessments to plan sequences of lessons that ensure pupils make strong progress.
- The quality of teaching, learning and assessment has improved since the last monitoring visit. However, you acknowledge that these improvements are relatively recent and not yet fully embedded in every year group.
- Lesson observations and scrutiny of pupils' books demonstrate that pupils in both key stages 1 and 2 are more secure in their understanding of addition and subtraction but many pupils continue to struggle with multiplication and division. However, teachers do not consistently use pupils' assessment information to plan sequences of lessons that challenge the most able and sufficiently support low prior attaining pupils. Consequently, pupils do not make strong progress across the school.

