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Dear Phillip Patterson

Termination Warning Notice to the Trustees of St Joseph's Primary School Dinnington, a Single Academy Trust

I write to you in my role as Regional Schools Commissioner (RSC) for East Midlands and the Humber.

As you may be aware, RSCs act on behalf of the Secretary of State for Education and have a number of responsibilities. These responsibilities are published on the gov.uk website (<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/schools-commissioners-group/about>) and one of them is to take action where academies are underperforming.

You may also be aware that section 2A of the Academies Act 2010ⁱ states that 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.

As I have received an Ofsted notification dated 19 September 2019 confirming that St Joseph's Primary School Dinnington was judged to be inadequate and requires special measures, it is my responsibility to consider whether to terminate the funding agreement. As part of this process, I will consider any written representations you wish to make on the matter. As such, I would be grateful if you could provide me with any representations by 22 October 2019.

For information, I am copying this letter to the National Schools Commissioner, Dominic Herrington, so that he is aware of the situation.

Yours sincerely



John Edwards
Regional Schools Commissioner for the East Midlands and Humber Region
CC to Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

ⁱ Inserted by section 14 of the Education and Adoption Act 2016