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5 November 2019

Dear Mrs Gribbin

**Minded to Terminate Letter to the Members and Directors/Trustees of
Collective Vision Trust (“the Trust”) in respect of Chesterton Primary School
(“the Academy”)**

I write concerning the funding agreement made between the Secretary of State and the Trust in respect of the Academy.

In accordance with section 2A of the Academies Act 2010ⁱ, any funding agreement of an academy may be terminated by the Regional Schools Commissioner (on behalf of the Secretary of State) where special measures are required to be taken in relation to 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 following the Inspection on 10-11 September 2019 confirming that the Academy was judged to be inadequate and requires significant improvement. Of serious concern are Ofsted’s conclusions that:

- Pupils are not being taught to read well enough.
- Pupils do not have all the basic number skills and knowledge they need to tackle more complex problems in mathematics.
- The school’s curriculum is not planned well enough to help pupils build on what they have already learned.
- The school’s curriculum does not provide enough opportunities for pupils to learn about different faiths, customs and cultures.
- Disadvantaged pupils are not making enough progress in their learning.
- Leaders and governors are not using the school’s development plans well enough to focus more on improving teaching and learning.

As the Regional Schools Commissioner acting on behalf of the Secretary of State, I must be satisfied that the Academy can achieve rapid and sustained improvement. If I am not satisfied that this can be achieved, I will consider issuing a Termination Warning Notice.

I would be grateful to receive the following evidence to inform my decision:

1. **A copy of the Post Ofsted Action Plan;**
2. **Information on what action is being taken to support educational improvement at the Academy;**
3. **Information on the progress pupils are making;**
4. **Details of current governance and leadership arrangements;**
5. **Any additional information you consider would be useful for the Regional Schools Commissioner**

Please supply the requested information to me within **fifteen working days** of the date of this letter (i.e. by 26 November 2019).

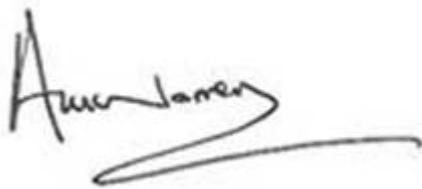
I would also like to arrange for a meeting to be held between representatives from my office; the Chair of the Trust; the CEO of the Trust and any other appropriate representatives. This meeting will review the Trust's response to this letter and inform my view on the capacity of the Trust. The meeting will take place at:

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My office will be in touch to arrange a suitable time and date for this meeting.

We are copying this letter to Staffordshire County Council, Paul Farrelly (MP for Newcastle-under-Lyme), Ofsted and Dominic Herrington (National Schools Commissioner). This letter will be published on www.gov.uk – note this will not take place during the pre-election period.

Yours sincerely



**Andrew Warren
Regional Schools Commissioner, West Midlands**

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