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Minded to Terminate Letter to the Members and Trustees of Redhill Academy Trust in respect of Park Vale 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 10 October 2019 confirming that Park Vale Academy was judged to be inadequate and has serious weaknesses. As the Regional Schools Commissioner acting on behalf of the Secretary of State, I need to be satisfied that this academy can achieve rapid and sustained improvement, if I am not satisfied this can be achieved, I will consider issuing a Termination Warning Notice.

I would be grateful for the following evidence:

- A copy of your Post-Inspection Action Plan;
- Information on the improvement all pupils, but in particular those receiving pupil premium funding and those with SEND, are making;
- Information on the changes you have made to governance following the inspection;
- A copy of the external review of pupil premium funding and recommendations;
- Immediate actions you have taken to address safeguarding concerns.

I would like to proceed in the following way:

- A meeting with the trust early in the Spring term to review progress.

Please respond to me within fifteen working days of the date of this letter, copied to

██████████ and ██████████, outlining the actions that have been taken and will be taken to remedy the matters identified above. My office will be in touch to arrange the meeting referred to above.

I am copying this letter to the National Schools Commissioner, Ofsted and Catherine Underwood, Corporate Director for People at Nottingham City Council. In addition, please note that this letter will be published in due course on Gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'J' and 'E' followed by a long horizontal line.

John Edwards
Regional Schools Commissioner for East Midlands and the Humber

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