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The Members and Trustees of Stowe Valley Multi Academy Trust
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3 March 2020

Dear Mr Wallace

Minded to Terminate Letter to the Members and Trustees of the Stowe Valley Multi Academy Trust in respect of Bilton School.

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 26 November 2019 confirming that Bilton School 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:

1. copy of your Post-Inspection Action Plan, and
2. information on the improvement of pupils, in particular Key Stage 3 pupils ensuring they are making progress under new assessment frameworks, including access to a broad and full range of subjects and ensuring that all pupils gain sufficient knowledge about life in modern Britain.

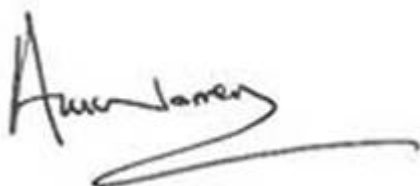
Please supply the requested information to me within fifteen working days of the date of this letter to RSC.WM@education.gov.uk outlining the actions that you will be taking to remedy the matters identified above.

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. I am copying this letter to Warwickshire County Council, Mike Pawsey (MP for Rugby), Ofsted, Dame Kate Dethridge (RSC for North West London and South Central) and Dominic Herrington, the National Schools Commissioner. This letter will be published on www.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Warren', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Andrew Warren
Regional Schools Commissioner for the West Midlands.
(CC to Warwickshire LA and RSC for North West London and South Central)

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