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The Members and Trustees of Landau Forte Charitable Trust
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Monday 14th September 2020

Dear Martin Landau,

Termination Notice to the Members and Trustees of the Landau Forte Charitable Trust in respect of Landau Forte Academy Moorhead

The purpose of this Termination Notice is to inform you, as the Members and Directors of the Academy Trust, that having considered the representations provided on 11 July 2018 in response to the termination warning notice of 21 June 2018, the Secretary of State, relying on section 2A of the Academies Act 2010ⁱ intends to terminate the Funding Agreement for Landau Forte Academy Moorhead dated 18 September 2012 between the Landau Forte Charitable Trust and the Secretary of State.

We expect the transfer to happen by 1st January 2021.

Following the Termination Warning Notice that the previous RSC, John Edwards issued in June 2018, you provided a response setting out a range of actions you were taking to improve performance at the school, including appointing a replacement CEO in October 2018 to turn around performance across the trust. However, the Ofsted monitoring visit, which took place in December 2018, reported that leaders and managers were (still) not taking effective action towards the removal of special measures. Following a full inspection in March 2019, Ofsted again judged the academy Inadequate (special measures).

The school has been with the trust now for seven years and during that time

the trust has failed to improve Key Stage 2 outcomes at Landau Forte Academy Moorhead. The percentage of pupils achieving the expected standards in reading, writing and maths in the last four years have been below both national and local authority averages. 2019 results show that only 28% of pupils met the expected standard against a national average of 65%.


There is no formal evidence that the support the trust is providing has had, or is having, any impact on outcomes for pupils. There is a very real risk that performance will not improve and children will not receive the education they deserve.

Whilst I have taken account of the representations you made in response to the warning letter and the additional information provided during our meeting on February 11 2020, I remain of the view that the school would improve more quickly with a stronger trust with a history of school improvement. You will be aware that correspondence from the previous minister Lord Agnew to Martin Landau, Olga Polizzi and Sir Rocco Forte confirmed his agreement with the decision to transfer the school.

My team will be in touch with your CEO shortly to agree next steps.

I am copying this letter to the National Schools Commissioner.

Yours sincerely



Carol Gray
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CC to Pauline Anderson, Derby City Council; Joanne Baxter, DfE Project Lead

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