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By email to Trevor Edinborough - Chair of Trustees
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Dear Mr Edinborough

Minded to Terminate Letter to the Members and Directors/Trustees of The Griffin Schools Trust in respect of Stantonbury International (“the 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 7th March 2020 confirming that the Academy was judged to be inadequate and requires special measures. I have also received the inspection report which was published by Ofsted on 29th June 2020. Ofsted found that leadership and management, behaviour and attitudes and the quality of education at the Academy were inadequate.

As the Regional Schools Commissioner acting on behalf of the Secretary of State, I need to be satisfied that the 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 if you could provide the following:

- A copy of the Academy's Post-Inspection Action Plan;
- Evidence of the steps that have been taken to urgently address the weaknesses identified during the inspection in the Academy's safeguarding systems;
- Evidence of capacity within the trust to bring out rapid school improvement at the Academy.

I would like to proceed in the following way:

- to arrange an urgent meeting with you and the CEO of the trust to discuss your response to this letter further.

Please respond to me within fifteen working days of the date of this letter, copied to Rosalyn Manuh (rosalyn.manuh@education.gov.uk) outlining the actions that you will be taking 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 Dominic Herrington, National Schools Commissioner, Andrew Warren, Regional Schools Commissioner for West Midlands, Mac Heath, Director of Children's Services at Milton Keynes Council and Stephen Long at Ofsted. In addition, this letter will be published in due course on Gov.uk

Yours sincerely,



Dame Kate Dethridge
Regional Schools Commissioner for NWLSC

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