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Dear Directors,

Warning Notice Letter to Future Schools Trust ("the Academy Trust") in relation to New Line Learning Academy

I wrote a Pre Warning Notice Letter to you on 10 November 2015 setting out my concerns that the standards of performance of pupils at Cornwallis Academy and New Line Learning Academy were unacceptably low. The letter stated that, unless the matters on which our conclusions were based were remedied to the Secretary of State's satisfaction, we would move to issue a Warning Notice to the Academy Trust, further to Article 48 of its Articles of Association.

There has been an improvement at Cornwallis Academy. However, having considered this matter carefully, the Secretary of State and I are satisfied that the unacceptably low standards of performance at New Line Learning Academy have not been remedied. We are also satisfied that the standards of performance of pupils at the Academy are likely to remain unacceptably low unless the Secretary of State exercises her power to intervene under the Articles.

The matters on which our conclusions are based are that the 2016 provisional KS4 results show that the progress of pupils at New Line Learning Academy is below the government's floor standard as the Progress 8 score is -0.51.

Terms of the Warning Notice

The actions which we require the Company to take, in relation to the Academy, to remedy the matter are:

- To provide robust evidence that appropriate strategies are in place for the tracking of pupil progress internally;
- To provide robust evidence that the progress of pupils in the summer of 2017 is on track to exceed the government's floor standard;
- To demonstrate the school leaders are promoting further improvements in the quality of teaching; and

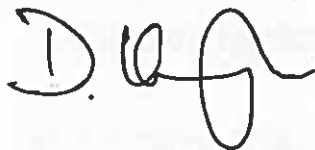
- To demonstrate that the trust is making rapid progress towards moving to a new model of governance that will facilitate improvements in standards of pupils' performance.

The compliance period (pursuant to Article 49) will end on 13 February 2017. In other words, the Company must have implemented the necessary strategies to the Secretary of State's satisfaction by that date. Our representatives will assess the implementation of these strategies, the impact and likely impact of these and how they are to be measured after this time.

Should the Company fail to comply, or secure compliance, with this Warning Notice to the Secretary of State's satisfaction, within the compliance period, she will be entitled to appoint additional governors in accordance with Article 50.

Please reply to me within 15 working days from the date of this letter, copied to Emma Sharp, confirming your understanding of this notice and setting out your plan and timetable for meeting the terms specified above.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. H.', with a stylized flourish at the end.

DOMINIC HERRINGTON
Regional Schools Commissioner, South East and South London