

The Members and Directors/Trustees  
Active Learning Trust  
Chesterton Primary School  
149 Green End Road  
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10<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Dear Lesley Adams

**Termination Warning Notice to the Members and Directors/Trustees of the Active Learning Trust in respect of Grove Primary School, Suffolk**

In accordance with section 2A of the Academies Act 2010<sup>i</sup> 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 May 2017 confirming that Grove Primary School was judged to be inadequate and has serious weaknesses.

In the corresponding Ofsted inspection report dated 9 June 2017, Ofsted made a number of adverse findings, including that:

- leaders and governors have not demonstrated a capacity to improve the school;
- the academy trust has not provided effective support to the school during a period of leadership transition. Governors and the academy trust do not hold school leaders to account; and
- the quality of teaching and learning varies across the year groups, and the use of assessment to improve pupils' outcomes is weak. Leaders have not ensured the accuracy of assessments made by teachers.

In light of these findings by Ofsted, I am not satisfied that the trust has the capacity to support the rapid and sustained improvement that is required so I am serving you with this Termination Warning Notice.

In making the decision on whether to terminate the funding agreement, I will consider any written representations you wish to make.

Please provide me with any representations you have by 4 August 2017.

I am copying this letter to the National Schools Commissioner.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "T. J. Coulson".

Tim Coulson  
**Regional Schools Commissioner, East of England and North East London**

cc: Sir David Carter, National Schools Commissioner; Jonathan Lewis, Deputy Director; [REDACTED]

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<sup>i</sup> Inserted by section 14 of the Education and Adoption Act 2016