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The Members and Directors of
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Dear Mr Cooney,

Termination Warning Notice to the Members and Directors of the Liverpool City Region Academy Trust in respect of Emslie Morgan 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.

Following the Ofsted inspection on the 8th and 9th November 2017, I received an Ofsted notification dated 10 January 2018 confirming that Emslie Morgan Academy was judged to be inadequate and requires special measures.

An education adviser visited the school at my request in the spring term of 2017 and highlighted a number of concerns. These concerns were communicated in writing and I met with the Trust in May 2017 where we agreed a number of actions to drive improvements.

Following the Ofsted inspection, the education adviser revisited the school and my Deputy Director, Kate Baddeley met with you and your school improvement partner on the 19 January to discuss the steps that the Trust have taken since the Ofsted inspection.

It is evident that following the Ofsted inspection, the education adviser visits and the meeting with my Deputy Director, that the Trust has not adequately addressed concerns. 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.

I am encouraged to hear from the outcome of your recent board meeting, that the board shares the view that Emslie Morgan Academy would be better placed with another multi-academy trust (MAT). However, if you are unhappy with these steps, please respond in writing by 2 March 2018. In making the decision on whether to terminate the funding agreement I will consider any written representations you wish to make.

I am copying this letter to the National Schools Commissioner.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'V. Beer', is written over a light grey rectangular background.

Vicky Beer CBE
Regional Schools Commissioner for Lancashire & West Yorkshire

CC: David Carter – National Schools Commissioner, Department for Education
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ⁱ Inserted by section 14 of the Education and Adoption Act 2016