



# Education & Skills Funding Agency

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29 March 2018

Henry Ball  
Chair of Governors  
Sussex Coast College Hastings  
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Hastings  
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Dear Henry,

On 13 November 2017 the Skills Funding Agency (SFA) issued a Notice to Improve (the Notice) to Sussex Downs College.

This was because Sussex Downs College had:

- been rated inadequate by the ESFA for financial health

The Notice included Schedule(s), which confirmed the conditions to be met for the Notice to be lifted.

I note that Sussex Downs College has dissolved, with effect from 29 March 2018, due to the merger with Sussex Coast College Hastings to form the East Sussex College Group (name change effective from 16 April 2018).

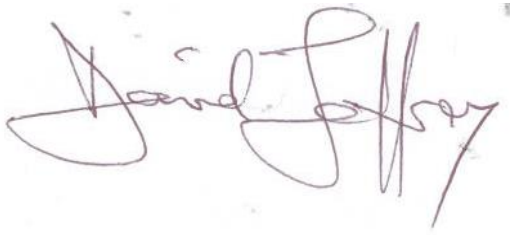
The Notice does not apply to Sussex Coast College Hastings (to be known as the East Sussex College Group from 16 April 2018 onwards). However, we expect that you will continue to take necessary action to address the reasons why the Notice originally issued.

The Notice has previously been included on the ESFA published list of Notices but will be removed from the next appropriate published list.

If you have any queries about this letter please contact

[Hannah.caldwell@education.gov.uk](mailto:Hannah.caldwell@education.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Jeffrey'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'David' and the last name 'Jeffrey' clearly distinguishable.

**David Jeffrey**  
**Deputy Director, Intervention Team (London & South East), Education and Skills Funding Agency**

Cc:

Clive Cooke, Prinipal, Sussex Coast College Hastings

Jos Parsons, Ofsted