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31 August 2017

Dear Directors,

Termination Warning Notice Letter to The Diocese of Canterbury (Aquila) in relation to Archbishop Courtenay Primary School

The Secretary of State is able to issue a Termination Warning Notice to the Academy Trust further to clause 5.B of the Supplemental Funding Agreement ("SFA") made between the Academy Trust and the Secretary of State on 26 August 2014. If the Academy Trust fails within a certain period to respond to that Termination Warning Notice or to carry out specified remedial measures, then, having considered any representations, the Secretary of State would be entitled to terminate the SFA if satisfied that it was appropriate to do so.

The purpose of this Termination Warning Notice Letter is to inform you, as the Directors of the Academy Trust that the Secretary of State considers there is a concern about the safeguarding of pupils at Archbishop Courtenay as well as concerns about pupil performance. Unless the matters on which our conclusions are based are remedied to the Secretary of State's satisfaction within a reasonable period, we will move to issue a Termination Warning Notice.

The matters on which our conclusions are based are as follows:

- The standards of performance of pupils at Archbishop Courtenay have been unacceptably low for the last three years; and
- The recent Ofsted inspection on 14 June highlighted serious concerns about safeguarding, quality of teaching learning and assessment and effectiveness of leadership and management.

The Secretary of State and I have concluded that the standards of pupils' performance at Archbishop Courtenay are unacceptably low and safeguarding measures are not currently sufficient, and that this may remain an issue unless remedial measures are taken.

I now ask you to provide a response outlining:

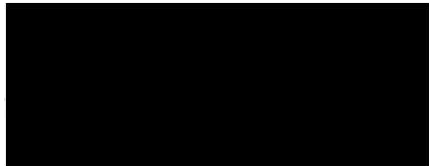
- the actions that you will be taking to address pupils' underperformance at the

academy;

- how you plan to address safeguarding concerns and concerns about teaching and learning raised at the most recent Ofsted inspection; and
- how such actions will be implemented, how their effectiveness will be measured and the timescales for this.

Please reply to me by 25 September 2017, copied to [REDACTED] (Project Lead) confirming your understanding of this notice and setting out your plan and timetable for meeting the terms specified above.

Yours sincerely,

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DOMINIC HERRINGTON
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