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Minded to Terminate Letter to the Members and Directors of Hope Valley College (The Trust) in respect of Hope Valley College (The 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.

I received an Ofsted notification dated 23 January 2018 confirming that Hope Valley College was judged to be inadequate and has serious weaknesses. In the Ofsted inspection report, Ofsted highlighted a number of concerns, including, that:

- *“Relationships among senior leaders have broken down. Their poor communication with each other and with staff is hindering school improvement.”*
- *Leaders, including governors, have not taken appropriate action to maintain the above average standards identified at the last inspection, or to tackle the areas that needed improving.*
- *The curriculum has not met pupils' needs effectively. Pupils were not well prepared for the demands of the new GCSE qualifications. Elements of the key stage 3 curriculum lack challenge.”*

As the Regional Schools Commissioner acting on behalf of the Secretary of State, I need to be satisfied that this academy can achieve rapid and sustained improvement, if I am not satisfied this can be achieved I will consider issuing a Termination Warning Notice.

I would be grateful for the following evidence:

- A copy of the Post-Inspection Action Plan;

- Information on the progress pupils are making
- Information on what action is being taken to support educational improvement at the school.

I would like to proceed in the following way:

- An initial meeting, to be arranged once the results for 2018 are known;
- Half-termly progress reports.

Please respond to me within fifteen working days of the date of this letter outlining the actions that you will be taking to remedy the matters identified above.

I am copying this letter to the National Schools Commissioner.

Yours sincerely



John Edwards
Regional Schools Commissioner for East Midlands and Humber
CC to Derbyshire LA, Ofsted, Ruth George MP

ⁱ Inserted by section 14 of the Education and Adoption Act 2016