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Minded to Terminate Letter to the Members and Directors of Brookfield School Academy Trust (Trust) in respect of Brookfield Academy Trust (Academy)

In accordance with section 2A of the Academies Act 2010¹ 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 July 13th confirming that Brookfield Academy Trust was judged to be inadequate and has serious weaknesses. In the Ofsted inspection report, Ofsted highlighted a number of concerns, including, that:

- *“Leaders, including governors, have not ensured that safeguarding arrangements are effective. Leaders do not always check that all staff are suitable to work with children.*
- *Leaders and governors do not have an accurate view of the quality of education provided by the school. They do not evaluate the impact of their work and are unable to amend strategies accordingly.*
- *Teachers do not routinely plan activities to meet the needs of different groups of pupils. The least able are not supported well and the most able are not consistently challenged.”*

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.

Since the Ofsted inspection, I note that Altius teaching school are providing support to the school with specific support being provided by a National Leader in Education from Dronfield Henry Fawshawe School.

I would however be grateful for the following evidence:

- Copy of Post-Inspection Action Plan
- Half-termly updates and documentation that will allow us to monitor progress against the plan
- If applicable, copies of reports made by any external advisers that you have engaged.

I would like to proceed in the following way:

- Review of progress on a half-termly basis

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 Local Authority, Ofsted, Toby Perkins MP

¹ Inserted by section 14 of the Education and Adoption Act 2016