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Mr Amarjit Basra Sevak Education Trust Seva School Eden Road Coventry Walsgrave Triangle Coventry CV2 2TB

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Dear Mr Amarjit Basra,

## Notice of Termination of Funding Agreement in respect of Sevak Education Trust

I write concerning the funding agreement made between the Secretary of State and Sevak Education Trust (Free Schools) on 13 June 2014.

As a result of the Education and Adoption Act 2016, regardless of the terms in an academy's funding agreement, the Regional Schools Commissioner (on behalf of the Secretary of State) can terminate the funding agreement of an academy that has been judged inadequate.

The definition of an 'inadequate, special measures' judgement is that the school is "failing to give its pupils an acceptable standard of education, **and** the persons responsible for leading, managing or governing the school are not demonstrating the capacity to secure the necessary improvement in the school" (School Inspection Handbook January 2018).

Seva School was judged as 'inadequate' by Ofsted on 22 September 2016, with subsequent Ofsted Section 8 monitoring inspections, with the most recent opinion of Ofsted (dated 24 July 2018) states: 'Leader and managers are not taking effective action towards the removal of special measures.'

You are invited to respond to this notice with representations from the Academy Trust within **ten working days from the date of this letter**. If no representations are forthcoming, or if the Secretary of State is dissatisfied with your response, he may proceed to terminate the funding agreement.

I recognise that this letter will be disappointing for the pupils, parents and staff of Seva School. I hope that the Trustees will continue to work closely with officials from my office and Coventry Local Authority to ensure the best possible education for all the pupils in the school.

I am copying this letter to the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for Education, Lord Agnew and the Interim National Schools Commissioner, Dominic Herrington.

Yours sincerely,

Christine Quinn Regional Schools Commissioner, West Midlands