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The Members and Directors of Rainham Mark Education Trust
C/o Rainham Mark Grammar School
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Thursday 22 November 2018

Dear Simon and Terry,

Minded to Terminate Letter to the Members and Directors of the Rainham Mark Education Trust in respect of Twydall Primary School and Nursery.

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 10 September 2018 confirming that Twydall Primary School and Nursery was judged inadequate and has serious weaknesses in outcomes for pupils, and overall effectiveness.

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 including details of how the impact of all actions outlined in the plan will be assessed and the sources of external verification / validation to be used.
- Information on the improvement pupils are making under new assessment frameworks, in particular years 2 and 6
- Information on the accountability framework for achieving improvements at the school.
- The appointment of a trustee with a sound understanding of the primary sector and experience of delivering rapid school improvement.
- A strategy for improving teaching, learning and assessment including details of when and how the impact of the strategy will be evaluated.

Alongside this, I would expect:

- A follow up meeting in February 2019 to discuss developments at trust level.
- That the trust explore options to work formally with another multi-academy trust with experience and expertise in primary school improvement.

Please respond to me within fifteen working days of the date of this letter, copied to Jonathan Duff, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], outlining the actions that you will be taking to remedy the matters identified above.

I am copying this letter to the Director of Children's Services at Medway local authority.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Herrington', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dominic Herrington
Regional Schools Commissioner for South East and South London

(CC to Ian Sutherland / Jonathan Duff / [REDACTED])