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Mr David Tibble
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13 March 2019

Dear Mr Tibble

Minded to Terminate Letter to the to the Members and Directors of the Inspiration Trust ('the Trust') in respect of Great Yarmouth Primary Academy ('the 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 14 February 2019 confirming that Great Yarmouth Primary Academy was judged to be inadequate and requires special measures. Of serious concern were Ofsted's conclusions that:

- Leaders have not demonstrated their capacity to improve the school and their evaluation of the school's effectiveness is inaccurate and unrealistically generous. Plans for improvement do not focus on the most urgent issues or they lack depth
- The systems and procedures to effectively manage pupils' behaviour and absence are not having impact
- Staff are ill-equipped to deliver the new curriculum and improvements to teaching, learning and assessment have been insufficient to improve the standard of education in key stage 1 and key stage 2
- Pupils do not have a secure knowledge of phonics, which impairs their ability to access the curriculum. Attainment in reading, writing and mathematics is unacceptably low and many children are ill-prepared for secondary school
- The support for pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities is not effective

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

As Regional Schools Commissioner, I must be satisfied that the Academy can achieve rapid and sustained improvement. If I am not satisfied that this can be achieved I will consider a Notice of Termination in accordance with Section 2A of the Academies Act 2010.

I would be grateful for the following evidence, which I will take into account when assessing whether the Academy is making sufficient improvements:

- The Post Inspection Action Plan (updated)
- Information on the progress of pupils
- Information on the action being taken to support education improvements
- Any additional information you consider would be helpful to me.

Please supply the requested information within 10 working days of the date of this letter to RSC.EASTNELONDON@education.gov.uk.

I would like to proceed in the following way: an initial meeting with the Trust by 19 April; and reviews of progress against the Post inspection Action Plan on a half termly basis.

I am copying this letter to the National Schools Commissioner and the DCS of the local authority. This letter will be published on www.gov.uk

Yours sincerely



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Regional Schools Commissioner for East of England and North East London

CC: Dominic Herrington, Interim National Schools Commissioner
Ms Sara Tough, Executive Director of Children's Services, Norfolk County Council