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Ms Lucy Abbott, Chair  
The Members and Trustees of Lakes Academies Trust  
Water Hall Primary School  
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01 April 2019

Dear Ms Abbott,

**Minded to Terminate Letter to the Members and Trustees of the Lakes Academy Trust in respect of Water Hall Primary School**

In accordance with section 2A of the Academies Act 2010<sup>i</sup> 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 13 February 2019 that Water Hall Primary School was judged to be inadequate, has serious weaknesses and requires significant improvement.

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:

- Copy of Post-Inspection Action Plan.
- Information on the improvement pupils, in particular those receiving pupil premium funding, are making under new assessment frameworks, as well as your predicted for 2019 KS2 results.
- Evidence of capacity within the trust to bring about rapid school improvement at Water Hall Primary School

- Whether the trust has considered joining another trust to bring about rapid improvement and secure long term sustainability.
- The steps you have taken to arrange a review of governance at Lakes Academies Trust.

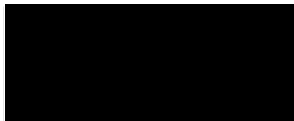
I would like to proceed in the following way:

- Termly meetings (starting in September 2019) to review on the progress being made against the Post-Inspection Action Plan.

Please respond to me by 8 May 2019 (fifteen working days of the date of this letter) copied to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] outlining the actions that you will be taking to remedy the matters identified above.

I am copying this letter to the National Schools Commissioner and the Director of Children's Services for Milton Keynes Council. This letter will be published in due course on gov.uk

Yours sincerely



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**Regional Schools Commissioner**  
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<sup>i</sup> Inserted by section 14 of the Education and Adoption Act 2016