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The Members and Directors of Dunstone Education
Trust (formerly The Fulwood Academy Trust)
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08 July 2019

Dear Mrs Joan Dean,

Minded to Terminate Letter to the Members and Trustees of Dunstone Education Trust (formerly The Fulwood Academy Trust) in respect of Fulwood Academy.

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 29 April 2019 confirming that The Fulwood Academy was judged to be inadequate and requires special measures.

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:

- half-termly monitoring reports of the school's progress against its action plan. These reports are not required in any specific format and should be what is already being provided to the board.
- section 8 report from Ofsted following the first monitoring inspection

I would like to proceed in the following way:

- Review of progress against your post-inspection action plan on a half-termly basis

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

I am copying this letter to the National Schools Commissioner, Lancashire's DCS and the academy's local MP. In addition, this letter will be published in due course on gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

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Vicky Beer CBE

Regional Schools Commissioner for Lancashire and West Yorkshire

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