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The Members and Directors/Trustees of Prime7 MAT
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By email to Claudia Wade - Chair of Trustees

23 September 2019

Dear Claudia,

Minded to Terminate Letter to the Members and Directors/Trustees of the Prime7 MAT in respect of Kings Sutton Primary School

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 11th September 2019 confirming that Kings Sutton Primary School 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:

- copy of Post-Inspection Action Plan;
- the steps that have been taken to urgently address the weaknesses identified during the inspection in the school's safeguarding systems;
- information on the improvement pupils, in particular those receiving pupil premium funding, are making under new assessment frameworks;
- evidence of capacity within the trust to bring out rapid school improvement at Kings

Sutton Primary School;

- the steps you have taken to arrange an external review of governance;
- the steps you have taken to arrange an external review of the use of pupil premium grant; and
- whether the trust has considered joining another Multi Academy Trust to bring about rapid improvement and secure long-term sustainability.

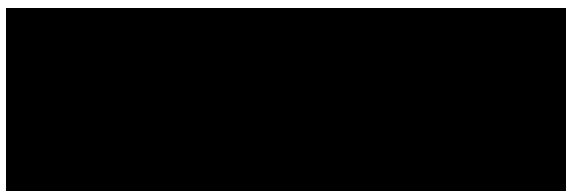
I would like to proceed in the following way:

- to arrange an urgent trust review meeting with you and the CEO of the trust to discuss your response to this letter further.

Please respond to me within fifteen working days of the date of this letter, copied to [REDACTED], outlining the actions that you will be taking to remedy the matters identified above. My office will be in touch to arrange the meeting referred to above.

I am copying this letter to the National Schools Commissioner and Sally Hodges, Director of Children's Services at Northamptonshire County Council. In addition, this letter will be published in due course on Gov.uk

Yours sincerely,



Dame Kate Dethridge
Regional Schools Commissioner for NWLSC

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