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Dear Ms Campbell

Termination Warning Notice to the to the Members and Trustees of Catch22 Multi Academies Trust Limited in respect of The Fen Rivers Academy (the “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 24 September confirming that The Fen Rivers Academy was judged to be inadequate and has serious weaknesses. Of serious concern were Ofsted’s conclusions that:

- leaders, governors and the trust do not have a coherent strategic plan that accurately identifies the school’s strengths and weaknesses
- governors do not have sufficiently precise information to hold leaders rigorously to account and leaders do not rigorously monitor the impact of their actions on raising pupils’ personal and academic achievement
- leaders have not ensured that important systems to manage pupils’ behaviour have been introduced in a timely way, and behaviour has remained poor for too many pupils, without suitable and preventative approaches being used for individual pupils
- there are too many incidents that result in staff using high-level restrictive physical intervention and leaders cannot show how they are preventing this high level of intervention from reoccurring
- attendance is low and the proportion of pupils who are persistently absent is too high

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 and the action being taken to support education improvements
- any additional information you consider would be helpful to me

In making the decision on whether to terminate the funding agreement I will consider any written representations you wish to make.

Please provide me with any representations you have by 17th October 2019.

I would also like to meet with you within the next 4-6 weeks, which my office will arrange.

I am copying this letter to the National Schools Commissioner, the Regional Schools Commissioner for South East and South East London 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

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Claire Burton, Regional Schools Commissioner for South East England and South East London
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ⁱ Inserted by section 14 of the Education and Adoption Act 2016