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Dear Dr Hann,

Termination Warning Notice to the to the Members and Trustees of the Ormiston Academies Trust in respect of Ormiston Denes 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 Ormiston Denes Academy was judged to be inadequate and requires special measures. Of particular concern was Ofsted's findings that:

- leaders have failed to pay due regard to the achievement, welfare and safety of a small but significant number of pupils
- leaders cannot guarantee the safeguarding of pupils educated out of school
- the persistent absence of a group of pupils has been too high for too long
- the school's misuse of attendance reporting
- a significant minority of pupils are not making good progress

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
- Details of what steps you are taking to address the inclusion and safeguarding issues raised in the Ofsted report

- What measures you are taking to ensure accurate attendance reporting
- 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 **16 October 2019** to RSC.EASTNELONDON@education.gov.uk

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 and the DCS of the local authority. This letter will be published on www.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely



Sue Baldwin
Regional Schools Commissioner for East of England and North East London

CC: Dominic Herrington, National Schools Commissioner
Allan Cadzow, Director of Children's Services, Suffolk County Council

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