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North West London & South Central
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Ms Lucy Abbott, Chair
The Members and Trustees of Lakes Academies Trust
Water Hall Primary School
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27 June 2019

Dear Ms Abbott,

Termination Warning Notice to the Members and Trustees of the Lakes Academies Trust in respect of Water Hall 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 13 February 2019 confirming that Water Hall Primary School was judged to be Inadequate and requires special measures, because Water Hall is failing to give its pupils an acceptable standard of education and the persons responsible for leading, managing or governing the school are not demonstrating the capacity to secure the necessary improvement in the school. Due to this I issued the trust with a Minded to Terminate letter on 1 April 2019.

I have carefully evaluated your response and supporting evidence, however I am not satisfied with the information provided. The response does not provide me with confidence that Lakes has capacity to drive forward rapid and sustainable school improvement at Water Hall Primary School.

The information submitted has also been reviewed by external educational experts on the Headteacher Board, who concluded that the response information submitted to the Minded to Terminate letter was unsatisfactory. Therefore on the basis of the evidence provided by Ofsted I am issuing Lakes Academies Trust with this Termination Warning Notice.

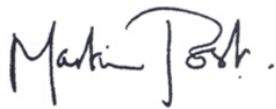
In making the decision on whether to terminate the funding agreement for Water Hall Primary School on behalf of the Secretary of State I will consider any further written representations you wish to make. Please use this as an opportunity to submit any further evidence that you feel will support your case.

Please provide me with any representations you have by **19 July 2019**.

I am copying this letter to Dominic Herrington, the National Schools Commissioner and Mac Heath, the Director of Children's Services at Milton Keynes Council.

This letter will also be published on gov.uk

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Martin Post". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M' and 'P'.A simple horizontal line drawn in black ink, positioned below the signature.

Martin Post
Regional Schools Commissioner
North West London & South Central England

Cc: Dominic Herrington, National Schools Commissioner
Cc: Tony Draper, CEO Lakes Academies Trust
Cc: Mac Heath, Milton Keynes Council

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