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Dear David

Pre-Termination Warning Notice to the Members and Trustees of The David Ross Education Trust in respect of Wold Academy.

In accordance with section 2A of the Academies Act 2010, 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.

We received an Ofsted notification dated September 2019 confirming that Wold Academy was judged inadequate. Of serious concern are Ofsted's conclusions that:

- Leaders have not ensured that arrangements for safeguarding pupils are effective.
- Leaders' evaluation of the school's performance are too generous with plans for improvement not precisely focused on improving academic outcomes for pupils.
- Standards have declined considerably since last year with teaching not consistently good, including specifically in the early years, and with leaders' checks on the quality of teaching being insufficiently thorough.
- Pupils' progress, including for those who are disadvantaged, varies across year groups.
- Pupils often have misconceptions and gaps in their knowledge, which are not identified or addressed consistently.

- Whilst most pupils conduct themselves well, sometimes pupils' behaviour creates a boisterous atmosphere.
- Some pupils' knowledge of others' faiths and how they live their lives is underdeveloped.
- Pupils work is not always well presented.

As the Regional Schools Commissioner acting on behalf of the Secretary of State, I need to be satisfied that Wold Academy can achieve rapid and sustained improvement. In terms of next steps, my office will be in touch to arrange a meeting to review the school's post-Ofsted action plan to ensure that the trust have the capacity to bring about the necessary changes. If we are not satisfied this can be achieved, we will consider issuing a Termination Warning Notice.

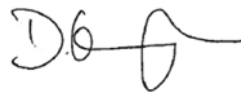
If the school has not come out of category by the fourth Ofsted visit, I will consider termination of the academy's supplemental funding agreement.

We are copying this letter to Kingston upon Hull City Council and Ofsted and this letter will be published on www.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely



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