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Regional Schools Commissioner  
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The Members and Trustees of Blessed Peter Snow  
Catholic Academy Trust  
St John Fisher Catholic Voluntary Academy  
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7 October 2019

Dear Mr Kirkwood,

**Minded to Terminate Letter to the Members and Trustees of Blessed Peter Snow Catholic Academy Trust, in respect of St John Fisher Catholic Voluntary Academy**

In accordance with section 2A of the Academies Act 2010<sup>i</sup> 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 12 June 2019 confirming that St John Fisher Catholic Voluntary Academy 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 St John Fisher Catholic Voluntary 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:

- Section 8 report from Ofsted following the first monitoring inspection
- Half termly monitoring reports of the school's progress against the action plan (not required in any specific format, and should be the same as that already being provided to the trustee board)

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<sup>i</sup> Inserted by section 14 of the Education and Adoption Act 2016

I would like to proceed in the following way:

- a further meeting to be held with the chair and vice chair of the trustee board, once their appointment is confirmed
- a meeting with the trust to be arranged following the first Ofsted monitoring visit, to review the progress made
- an Education Expert to be deployed by the Department, to observe a trustee board meeting and trust improvement board meeting

Please respond to me within fifteen working days of this letter, copied to [REDACTED], confirming that you will take action to remedy the matters identified above.

I am copying this letter to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Leeds, the Catholic Education Service, the National Schools Commissioner, Kirklees Council and the academy's local MP. In addition, this letter will be published on gov.uk in due course.

Yours sincerely,



**Vicky Beer CBE**  
**Regional Schools Commissioner for Lancashire and West Yorkshire**

CC: [REDACTED] Roman Catholic Diocese of Leeds  
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Dominic Herrington, National Schools Commissioner  
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