



Department
for Education

Department for Education

Eastbrook
Shaftesbury Road
Cambridge
CB2 8DR
rsc.eastnelondon@education.gov.uk

Mr Robert Douglas Dool
The Active Learning Trust Limited
Isle Of Ely Primary School
School Road
Off Cam Drive
Ely
CB6 2FG

30 January 2020

Dear Mr Dool

Termination Warning Notice to the to the Members and Trustees of The Active Learning Trust Limited in respect of Kingsfield Primary School (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 23 January confirming that **Kingsfield Primary School** was judged to be inadequate and requires special measures. Of serious concern were Ofsted’s conclusions that:

- the Trust have not put in place a systematic approach to addressing the areas for improvement that were previously identified and neither the Trust nor the governors have been rigorous or robust enough when holding school leaders to account for improving the quality of education
- the curriculum has not been designed to help pupils develop their knowledge across a range of subjects therefore learning is not always consolidated
- many subject leaders have not had the training and support needed to lead effectively and do not have a clear understanding of how well pupils are learning or what pupils need to do to make progress
- achievement in reading and mathematics has been in the bottom 20% of all schools nationally and workbooks show that the curriculum provided does not allow pupils to build knowledge and understanding in reading, writing and mathematics

- pupils often find work either too easy or too hard with teachers at KS1 and KS2 not using the information they have of pupils' previous learning
- there is not enough being done to ensure that pupils with SEND can learn effectively across all subjects

As Regional Schools Commissioner, I must be satisfied that the Academy can achieve rapid and sustained improvement. If I am not satisfied that this can be achieved, I will consider a Notice of Termination in accordance with Section 2A of the Academies Act 2010.

I would be grateful for the following evidence, which I will take into account when assessing whether the Academy may make 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. A meeting has been arranged with the trust on 10 February. I would be grateful for the draft Post Ofsted Action Plan in advance of that and by the 7 February. Please provide me with any representations you have by 10 February 2020.

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
Wendi Ogle-Welbourn, Interim Executive Director: Children, Families and Adults Services, Cambridge County Council

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