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Mr M Whitby
Chair of Trustees
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Dear Mr Whitby

Financial Notice to Improve

On 26 October 2018, I wrote to your predecessor in their capacity as the Chair of Trustees at Education for the 21st Century (‘the trust’) to serve notice that the trust was required to improve the financial oversight and governance.

This was as a consequence of the trust failing to declare related party transactions, meet employee tax liabilities and seek prior ESFA approval of a novel, contentious or repercussive transaction. The Financial Notice to Improve (FNtI) set out the actions that were needed to be taken by the trust to make sure necessary improvements were made.

We have closely monitored the trust’s progress against the conditions set out in the notice, and I am pleased to inform you that I am satisfied that the FNtI conditions have been met. As a result, the FNtI will be lifted with effect from the date of this letter.

This letter will be published on the GOV.UK website. I am copying this letter to Simon Garrill, Accounting Officer of the trust and Claire Burton, Regional Schools Commissioner for South East England and South London.

It is important that the trust continues to exercise strong financial oversight and implement the controls and processes which have led to these improvements. I would like to thank you for your contribution in ensuring the trust has reached this position.

Yours sincerely

Mike Pettifer
Director, Academies and Maintained Schools Directorate