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The Members and Directors/Trustees of Pendle Education Trust
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18th February 2020

Dear Ms Ghidotti and Mr Pheasey,

Termination Warning Notice to the to the Members and Directors/Trustees of the Pendle Education Trust in respect of West Craven High 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 16th January 2020 confirming that West Craven High School was judged to be inadequate and requires special measures. Of serious concern were Ofsted's conclusion that:

- The arrangements for safeguarding are not effective;
- Leaders at all levels, including trustees and governors, have not ensured that pupils experience an acceptable quality of education;
- Leaders do not have high enough expectations of pupils;
- There has been a lack of clarity about leadership roles and responsibilities;
- By the end of Year 11, pupils do not achieve well in the courses they have studied;
- Pupils frequently show negative attitudes to their learning.


On the basis of the evidence provided by Ofsted, I am now issuing this Termination Warning Notice because I have concerns that both the academy's governance and management, and educational standards, are unlikely to improve rapidly and sustainably without further intervention.

In making the decision on whether to terminate the funding agreement I will consider any written representations you wish to make.

Please provide me with any representations you have by 10th March 2020.

I am copying this letter to the National Schools Commissioner. This letter will also be published on gov.uk. We aim to do this within 15 working days of the date of this letter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'V. Beer', is written over a light grey rectangular background.

Vicky Beer C.B.E
Regional Schools Commissioner for Lancashire and West Yorkshire

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