

**Annex 2: Stage 1- (16 to 19) funds return for 2019 to 2020 Education and Skills Funding Agency:**

**Certification**

 **[Please choose section A or B out of the 2 certification sections below]**

1. I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief during the period from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020:
* any funding received by the local authority from the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) for subsequent transfer to local authority controlled learning providers and maitained school sixth forms was accurately paid **in full** to them
* I am not aware of any evidence to date, to indicate that the funds received from ESFA and subsequently paid to local authority controlled learning providers and maintained schools sixth forms have not, in all material respects, been used for the purposes intended by ESFA and in accordance with their terms and conditions of funding. **(Please complete the ‘Exceptions’ section below to confirm)**

**OR**

1. I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief during the period from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020:
* no funding was received by the local authority from ESFA for subsequent transfer to local authority controlled learning providers and maintained school sixth forms

**Exceptions**

Please confirm whether there have been any exceptions: Yes/No

Has the local authority had any instance of fraud or theft? Yes/No

Please provide details of the exceptions and or fraud/theft below:

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**Signoff**

| Local authority name | [Please insert] |
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| Chief Financial Officer name | [Please insert] |
| Signature | [Please insert] |
| Date | [Please insert] |
| Telephone number | [Please insert] |
| Email address | [Please insert] |

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