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The Members and Directors/Trustees of The Heyfordian School Trust  
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By email to: [REDACTED]

28 January 2020

Dear Stephen and Simon,

**Minded to Terminate Letter to the Members and Directors/Trustees of The Heyfordian School Trust in respect of Heyford Park Free School.**

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 7 January confirming that Heyford Park Free School was inspected on 26-27 November 2019 and it is judged to be inadequate and requiring special measures.

As the Regional Schools Commissioner acting on behalf of the Secretary of State, I need to be satisfied that this 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:

- copy of your Post-Inspection Action Plan, and
- information on the improvement pupils, aged 3 to 19 pupils and those receiving pupil premium funding, are making under the new assessment frameworks.

- a satisfactory Section 8 report from Ofsted

Further to the audio meeting between the trust and the regional delivery team on 24 January, I would like to proceed in the following way:

- review of progress on a half termly basis
- I understand the trust is exploring options for the academy to join a multi-academy trust (MAT), it is imperative that you continue to do so.

Please respond to me within fifteen working days of the date of this letter, copied to [REDACTED] Deputy Director, and [REDACTED] Project Lead, outlining the actions that you will be taking to remedy the matters identified above.

I am copying this letter to the National Schools Commissioner.

Yours sincerely

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Dame Kate Dethridge  
**Regional Schools Commissioner for North West London and South Central**

CC to

- Dominic Herrington, National Schools Commissioner
- Lucy Butler, Director of Children's Services Oxfordshire County Council
- Judy Anckorn, Deputy Director, ESFA

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