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Dear Mr John Wollocombe

Termination Warning Notice to the Members and Trustees of North Norfolk Academy Trust in respect of Antingham and Southrepps 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 5 March 2020 confirming that **Antingham and Southrepps Primary School** was judged to be inadequate and requires special measures. Of serious concern were Ofsted’s conclusions that:

- trustees and governors have not done enough to tackle the weaknesses identified at the previous inspection
- trustees and governors have not checked that leaders have brought about the required improvements in key stages 1 and 2
- the quality of education has declined rapidly and leaders and trustees have an inaccurate and overgenerous view of the school’s effectiveness
- pupils do not develop a sufficient understanding of subjects over time or achieve as well as they should
- pupils are given tasks that do not take account of their existing knowledge, skills and understanding, which leads to low-level disruptive behaviour and negatively impacts upon pupil progress

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 is making 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. Please provide me with any representations you have by 1 April. I would also like to meet with you in the next 6 weeks, which my office will arrange.

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
Sara Tough, Executive Director of Children's Services, Norfolk County Council

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