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14 July 2020

Dear Mr West-Burnham

Minded to Terminate Letter to the Members and Directors of Asset Education Trust in respect of Bungay Primary School (the “Academy”)

In accordance with section 2A of the Academies Act 2010¹ any funding agreement of an academy may be terminated by the Secretary of State where an inadequate judgment has been given to an academy or where 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 30 June 2020 confirming that Bungay Primary Academy was judged to be inadequate and has serious weaknesses. Of serious concern are Ofsted’s conclusions that:

- Pupils have not achieved well in reading, writing and mathematics for a number of years. Teachers do not plan or change what is taught to ensure pupils can catch up and make more secure progress
- Teachers are not clear enough about the expectations in the foundation subjects. This means that pupils do not build on what they already know or should have learned in previous years. Pupils complete activities of a similar demand irrespective of key stage
- The leadership of foundation subjects is in very early stages . Many subjects have not had adequate leadership in the past
- Pupil attendance is low

As Regional Schools Commissioner, I must be satisfied that the Trust can achieve rapid and sustained improvement of the Academy. If I am not satisfied that this can be achieved,

¹ Inserted by section 14 of the Education and Adoption Act 2016

I will consider a Notice of Termination in accordance with Section 2A of the Academies Act 2010.

In making the decision on whether to terminate the funding agreement, I will consider any written representations you wish to make in addition to Post Ofsted Action Plan. These should be provided within 15 working days of the date of this letter. My office will also contact you to arrange a meeting as soon as practically possible, taking into account the end of term.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sue Baldwin', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sue Baldwin
Regional Schools Commissioner
East England and North-East London

CC: Dominic Herrington, National Schools Commissioner
Allan Cadzow, Corporate Director for Health, Wellbeing & Children's Services,
Suffolk County Council