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Termination Warning Notice to the to the Members and Trustees of the Peak Multi Academy Trust in respect of Chellaston 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 17 September 2019 confirming that Chellaston Academy was judged to be inadequate and has serious weaknesses.

In the Ofsted inspection report, Ofsted highlighted a number of concerns, including that:

- *“The arrangements for safeguarding are not effective.*
- *Senior leaders and trustees have failed to ensure that safeguarding is effective in the sixth form.*
- *Senior leaders and trustees have failed to take the swift action needed to improve the sixth form.*
- *Too many students are routinely absent from the sixth form, particularly in Year 12.*
- *Governance is not effective.*
- *Trustees have failed to ensure that safeguarding within the sixth form is effective.”*

On 11 February 2020, Ofsted conducted a monitoring inspection that stated:

- *“Leaders and managers are not taking effective action towards the removal of the serious weaknesses designation.*
- *Senior leaders’ oversight and monitoring of safeguarding is not rigorous enough.”*

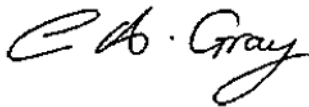
Given the issues raised in the Ofsted inspection and monitoring reports, I have significant concerns about the ability of the trust to deliver the required improvements in a rapid and sustained manner.

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 within 15 working days. I recognise that this period runs in to the Summer holidays and if this timescale is not possible, please get in touch to discuss.

I am copying this letter to the National Schools Commissioner, Ofsted, Derby Local authority, Margaret Beckett MP for Derby South.

Yours sincerely



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Interim Regional Schools Commissioner for East Midlands and Humber

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Dominic Herringon (National Schools Commissioner), Ofsted, Pauline Anderson (Derby LA), Margaret Beckett (MP for Derby South)

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