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The Members and Trustees of Diocese of Worcester Multi Academy Trust
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Dear Mr Hugh Richards, Chair of Trust

Minded to Terminate Letter to the Members and Trustees of the Diocese of Worcester Multi Academy Trust in respect of St Nicholas C of E Middle School.

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 St Nicholas C of E Middle School was judged to be inadequate and has serious weaknesses.

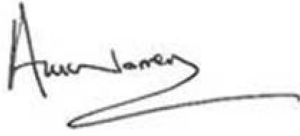
As the Regional Schools Commissioner acting on behalf of the Secretary of State, I need to be satisfied that this academy can achieve rapid and sustained improvement. If I am not satisfied this can be achieved, I will consider issuing a Termination Warning Notice.

I note with thanks that you have already supplied a copy of your Post-Ofsted Action Plan, which we discussed at our meeting on Thursday 14 May. I would be grateful for any additional information on how you will be addressing the quality of education issues highlighted by the Ofsted report (literacy and numeracy skills with particular reference to SEND pupils, and curriculum leadership within the school) and progress made since our last meeting.

Please respond to me within fifteen working days of the date of this letter to RSC.WM@education.gov.uk outlining the actions that you have taken and will be taking to remedy the matters identified above.

I am copying this letter to Diocese of Worcester, Worcestershire County Council, Nigel Huddleston (MP for Mid Worcestershire), Robin Walker (MP for Worcester), Ofsted and Dominic Herrington, the National Schools Commissioner. This letter will be published on www.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely



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Regional Schools Commissioner for West Midlands

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