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The Members and Directors/Trustees of Manchester Health Academy
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Dear Mr Kevin Green and Ms Kathy Cowell OBE DL

Termination Warning Notice to the Members and Directors/Trustees of the Manchester Health Academy in respect of Manchester Health 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 23 June 2020 confirming that Manchester Health Academy was judged to be inadequate and has serious weaknesses. Whilst I acknowledge that some strengths were identified, of serious concern were Ofsted's conclusions that:

- Pupils and students at this school have not achieved well for far too long. This is especially the case for disadvantaged pupils and pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)
- Far too many pupils have not gained the qualifications that they need to be successful. This is especially the case for disadvantaged pupils and pupils with SEND
- Too many pupils and students do not attend school regularly and miss out on vital learning
- There remain too many weaknesses in how subject curriculums are delivered across the school

- Leaders do not ensure that teachers have enough information to meet the needs of pupils and students with SEND
- Pupils with SEND are more likely to be excluded from school than their peers for incidents of poor behaviour


On the basis of the evidence provided by Ofsted, I have concerns that the academy's educational standards are unlikely to improve rapidly and sustainably without further intervention and without joining a strong multi academy trust. As a result of this, after having temporarily postponed intervention due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on education provisions, I am now issuing this Termination Warning Notice.

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 10 March 2021, copied to [REDACTED]@education.gov.uk and [REDACTED]@education.gov.uk.

I am copying this letter to the National Schools Commissioner, Manchester's Strategic Director of Children and Education Services and the academy's local MP. In addition, this letter will be published in due course on gov.uk.

Yours sincerely



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Regional Schools Commissioner for Lancashire and West Yorkshire
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ⁱ Inserted by section 14 of the Education and Adoption Act 2016