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Sean McClafferty
Chair of Trustees
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Dear Mr McClafferty

Financial Notice to Improve

On 11 January 2021, I wrote to your predecessor in their capacity as the Chair of Trustees at The Hallam Schools' Partnership Academy Trust ('the trust') to serve notice that the trust was required to improve the financial management and governance at the trust.

This was as a consequence of continued concerns over the lack of central oversight by the board and poor financial management at the trust. The Financial Notice to Improve (FNtI) set out the actions that were needed to be taken by the trust.

We have closely monitored the trust's progress against the conditions set out in the FNtI, which included appointing an independent chair of trustees, a full-time chief executive officer (CEO) and chief financial officer, and submission of financial information to demonstrate compliance with the Academies Financial Handbook. I am satisfied that the FNtI conditions have been met. As a result, the FNtI will be lifted with effect from the date of this letter. I wanted to personally acknowledge the pace at which the trust has been able to meet the conditions of the FNtI.

This letter will be published on the GOV.UK website. I am copying this letter to the CEO Chris Manze, trust members Bishop Ralph Heskett, Richard Prior, John Metcalfe, The Diocese of Sheffield, The Church of England Diocese of Leeds, also Carol Gray the Interim Regional Schools Commissioner (RSC) for East Midlands and Humber.

It is important the trust continues to embed the controls and processes which have led to this improvement and exercises strong financial oversight. I would like to thank you, Chris

Manze and Leanne Noone, for your contributions to ensuring the trust has reached this position.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Warwick Sharp', written in a cursive style.

Warwick Sharp
Director, Academies and Maintained Schools Directorate

cc: Chris Manze, CEO
Bishop Ralph Heskett, Richard Prior, John Metcalfe – Trust Members
The Diocese of Sheffield
The Church of England Diocese of Leeds
Carol Gray, Interim RSC for East Midlands and Humber