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Dear [REDACTED]

Termination Warning Notice to the Members and Trustees of the Wave Multi Academy Trust in respect of Penwith Alternative Provision Academy

In accordance with sections 2A and 2D 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 in relation to 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 November 2022 confirming that Penwith Alternative Provision Academy was judged to be inadequate and requires special measures. For the reasons set out below, I now consider it necessary to issue this Termination Warning Notice:

- Many subject leaders do not understand what makes an effective curriculum. They are unclear about how pupils build towards more complex learning.
- Not enough teachers have the expertise required to teach what pupils need to learn successfully. This means that the quality of education that pupils receive is poor.
- Teachers do not have the most accurate information about how to overcome the barriers to learning faced by pupils with SEND. Consequently, learning for pupils with SEND is not adapted successfully.
- Pupils, particularly those in key stages 3 and 4, frequently resort to disrespectful behaviour and disrupt learning.

- Expectations of what pupils can achieve are too low.
- The curriculum to develop pupils' personal development is not addressing fundamental priorities in pupils' social, emotional and mental health needs. This means pupils are not well-prepared for their next steps.

As Regional Director, I need to be satisfied that the trust has capacity to deliver rapid and sustainable improvement at the academy. If I am not satisfied that this can be achieved, I will consider whether to terminate the funding agreement in order to transfer the academy to an alternative academy trust.

In making the decision on whether to terminate the funding agreement I will consider any written representations the trust wishes to make in response to this Termination Warning Notice.

Please provide me with any representations the trust wishes to make by Wednesday 18 January 2023.

I would be grateful for the following evidence, which I will consider when assessing whether the trust is making sufficient improvements:

- Information on the action being taken to support education improvements and the timescales of this work (for example a post-inspection action plan).
- A written summary of leadership, staffing, and governance arrangements at the academy, and available supportive capacity in the wider trust.
- Information on the trust's capacity to manage the pre-opening of Somerset Special Free School and any impact this would have on the trust's ability to deliver improvements at Penwith Multi Academy Trust.
- Any additional information you consider would be helpful to me.

I am copying this letter to Ofsted and Cornwall Local Authority. A copy of this letter will also be published on GOV.UK.

Yours sincerely



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