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The Members and Trustees of Stanley Learning Partnership
Stanley Learning Partnership
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9 March 2023

Dear Mr Harpe

Termination Warning Notice to the Members and Trustees of Stanley Learning Partnership (“the Trust”) in respect of Bloemfontein Primary School

In accordance with clauses 5F to 5H of the funding agreement for Bloemfontein Primary School (“the Academy”) the Secretary of State may terminate the funding agreement if the Chief Inspector gives notice to the Academy Trust that special measures are required to be taken in relation to the Academy or the Academy requires significant improvement.

I received an Ofsted notification dated 16 February 2023 confirming that the Academy was judged to be inadequate and has serious weaknesses.

For the reasons set out below, I now consider it necessary to issue this Termination Warning Notice. Of serious concern to me are Ofsted’s conclusions that:

- Leaders do not ensure that children have access to a consistently high-quality curriculum in the early years. As a result, children do not acquire the knowledge, skills and behaviours to make them ready for the next stage in their education;
- The teaching of early reading is not effective. As a result, too many pupils do

not make adequate progress and cannot read well enough;

- In some subjects, the knowledge that pupils should be taught is not sequenced or taught in ways that help pupils to remember. Some pupils do not access a sufficiently broad curriculum. This means that pupils' learning in the wider curriculum is variable and, in some cases, limited;
- Support plans for pupils with SEND do not map out clearly enough the small steps that these pupils need to take to make progress through the curriculum. The support that they need is not targeted precisely enough to help them to learn the knowledge and skills to be successful;
- Leaders and trustees have been too slow to respond to the weaknesses in the school;
- Trustees and leaders have not ensured that the climate for safeguarding is as robust as it should be. For example, safeguarding records do not fully reflect the actions taken to keep pupils safe.

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 wish to make in response to this Termination Warning Notice.

Please provide me with any representations the Trust wish to make by 30 March 2023.

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

Yours sincerely



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Cc Jim Murray, Corporate Director of Children and Young People's Services