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7 March 2023

Dear [REDACTED]

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

In accordance with clauses 5.F to 5H of the funding agreement for River Dart Alternative Provision Academy (“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 17 February 2023 confirming that River Dart 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:

- Pupils at River Dart Academy receive a poor standard of education. Their needs are not well identified or supported.
- Pupils’ behaviour is disorderly and disrespectful, and sometimes unsafe. Staff do not have high enough expectations for pupils’ behaviour and conduct. Leaders have not set out a consistent approach to how poor behaviour is managed.
- Staff do not have the knowledge or expertise needed to provide pupils with an acceptable standard of education.
- Leaders and those responsible for governance have not acted quickly or successfully to identify and tackle the failings at the school.
- Leaders have not ensured that pupils benefit from a coherent, well-sequenced curriculum.
- Leaders have not ensured that the needs of pupils, including those with SEND, have been identified and are met.

- Pupils do not take part in meaningful opportunities and learning to support their broader development.
- Safeguarding is not effective. Leaders' oversight of procedures and records to keep pupils safe is not robust or timely.

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 28 March 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 including details of the trust's recruitment and retention plans.
- Any additional information you consider would be helpful to me.

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

Yours sincerely



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