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The Members and Trustees of Ivy Education Trust
Teignmouth Community School,
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9 June 2023

Dear [REDACTED]

Termination Warning Notice to the Members and Trustees of the Ivy Education Trust in respect of Teignmouth Community School, Exeter Road.

In accordance with sections 2A and 2D of the Academies Act 2010¹ 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 21 April 2023 confirming that Teignmouth Community School, Exeter Road 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.

- Pupils who are disadvantaged do not receive sufficient support or provision to help them overcome barriers to learning. As a result, they make poor progress compared to their peers. Leaders must ensure that the actions they have commenced are effective in tackling the declining progress of disadvantaged pupils.
- The school's curriculum is not planned and sequenced well in some subjects. This means there is not a clear progression of learning for pupils. As a result, pupils do not make the progress they should. Leaders need to ensure that there is time and training for staff to plan and implement subject curriculums.
- Leaders have not prepared staff with the training and guidance to support pupils with SEND effectively. As a result, pupils with SEND do not receive the provision and adaptation they need to learn the curriculum as well as they

¹ Inserted by section 14 of the Education and Adoption Act 2016.

could. Leaders must make sure teachers receive appropriate training and guidance.

- Leaders have not planned a coherent approach to developing pupils' character. The curriculum does not develop pupils' moral values. Leaders have not defined what they want pupils to learn. As a result, some pupils do not receive a wide set of experiences and are not well prepared for the world beyond school. Leaders need to ensure that pupils learn how to be well-informed citizens of 21st century Britain.

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 3 July 2023.

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

Yours sincerely

Hannah Woodhouse
Regional Director for the South West

CC: Ofsted, Devon LA