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Dear Ms Frost,

Notice to Improve

On 21 March 2024, we wrote to you in your capacity as the Chair of Trustees at Mowbray Education Trust Limited ('the trust') to serve notice that the trust was required to improve the financial management and governance at the trust.

This was a consequence of non-compliance with the Academy Trust Handbook (ATH) resulting in a breach of the trust's funding agreement (FA). The Notice to Improve ('the Notice') set out the actions that were needed to be taken by the trust to ensure necessary improvements were made.

We have closely monitored the trust's progress against the conditions set out in the Notice, which included:

- an independent review of financial management and governance arrangements,
- a requirement to seek prior approval from the Department for Education (DfE) for any related party transactions, and
- submission of compliant monthly management accounts.

We are now satisfied that these conditions have been met. As a result, the Notice is lifted with immediate effect. This letter will be published on the GOV.UK website.

It is important that the trust continues to embed the controls and processes which have led to this improvement and continues to exercise strong financial oversight of the trust. We would like to thank you for your contribution in ensuring the trust has reached this position.

Yours sincerely



Carol Gray

Regional Director for East Midlands, DfE



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