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By email only [REDACTED]

12 May 2026

Dear Ms Collinson

Termination Warning Notice to the Members and Trustees of the Prospere Learning Trust (“the Trust”) in respect of Manchester Enterprise Academy (“the Academy”)

In accordance with clauses 5.F to 5H of the funding agreement for the Academy, the Secretary of State may terminate the funding agreement if the Chief Inspector gives notice to the 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 20 April 2026 confirming that the Academy was judged to require special measures. For the reasons set out below, I now consider it necessary to issue this Termination Warning Notice.

The Ofsted report published on 29 April 2026 highlights the following areas for improvement.

- Trustees and leaders must take rapid action to secure much-needed improvements in the quality of the curriculum and teaching that pupils receive.
- Trustees and leaders must ensure that they evaluate the work of the school effectively so that areas of weakness are identified accurately and resolved swiftly.
- Leaders must ensure that any adaptations to the content, order and delivery of the curriculum are well thought through so that the curriculum is suitably ambitious for all pupils.
- Leaders must ensure that teachers have the expertise to deliver the curriculum effectively, including their use of assessment strategies and resolving gaps in pupils’ knowledge, so that pupils learn all that they should.

- Leaders should ensure that teachers have the knowledge and skills necessary to adapt the curriculum, so that pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) and pupils with other barriers to their learning get the support they need.
- Leaders must fully embed the improved attendance strategies so that more pupils, including those who are disadvantaged and have SEND, attend school often.
- Leaders must ensure that all staff are well equipped to uphold the school's behaviour policy consistently and robustly, so that the poor behaviour of some pupils is dealt with effectively and does not hinder the enjoyment and achievement of others.

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 Academy's funding agreement in order to transfer the Academy to an alternative academy trust.

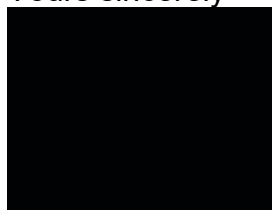
In making the decision on whether to terminate the Academy's funding agreement I will consider any written representations the Trust wish to make in response to this Termination Warning Notice.

Please provide me with any representations the Trust wish to make by 9 June 2026. This deadline has been extended to take account of the school holiday.

We are mindful of creating unnecessary pressures on school leaders and staff, and as such we would ask the Trust to ensure that the appropriate provision is in place to support the Academy's workforce.

I am copying this letter to Ofsted, the Trust's CEO and Manchester Local Authority. A copy of this letter will also be published on GOV.UK.

Yours sincerely



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Interim Regional Director for North West

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