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The Members and Trustees of Lincoln Anglican Academy Trust
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17 June 2026

Dear Mr Woolner

Termination Warning Notice to the Members and Trustees of Lincoln Anglican Academy Trust in respect of William Lovell Church of England Academy

In accordance with clauses 5.F to 5.H of the funding agreement for William Lovell Church of England 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 that the Academy requires significant improvement.

I received an Ofsted notification dated 13 May 2026 confirming that the Academy was judged to require significant improvement. For the reasons set out below, I now consider it necessary to issue this Termination Warning Notice.

The Ofsted report, published on 21 May 2026 highlighted that:

- Leaders must continue to act swiftly and decisively to improve the attendance of all pupils, particularly disadvantaged pupils and pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities.
- Leaders must make sure that their actions to improve the curriculum lead to significant improvement in the achievement of pupils, particularly disadvantaged pupils.
- Leaders must continue with their strategy to ensure that the curriculum is taught effectively and consistently well across all subjects.
- Leaders must ensure that pupils at all stages get the support they need to secure their foundational knowledge, especially in literacy, so that they can access the curriculum.

- The trust, including those responsible for governance, must ensure that their work to support and challenge the school continues to lead to sustainable improvements.

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

Please provide any written representation to [REDACTED] by Wednesday 8 July 2026.

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

Thank you for your continued engagement with my team regarding the Academy.

I am copying this letter to the trust CEO, Ofsted, Lincolnshire County Council and the Diocese of Lincoln. A copy of this letter will also be published on GOV.UK.

Yours sincerely

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