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By email only

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Dear Mrs Beane

Termination Warning Notice to the Members and Trustees of the Authentic Education Group Limited ("the Trust") in respect of St Aldhelm's Academy ("the Academy")

In accordance with clauses 5.F to 5.H 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 1 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 13 May 2026 highlights the following areas for improvement:

- Leaders must ensure that there is a clear and coherent approach to closing gaps in pupils' foundational knowledge, including vocabulary, spelling and handwriting.
- Leaders must ensure that pupils' attainment increases at the end of key stage 4, so that pupils are better prepared for their next stage of education, employment or training.
- Leaders must ensure that staff teach curriculum content effectively and check carefully that pupils understand before they move on to new learning, so that they build knowledge and understanding over time and achieve more highly.
- Leaders must ensure that the work pupils complete is appropriately ambitious and matched to their needs.

- Leaders must strengthen their oversight and impact of provision for pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities in the classroom to ensure that adaptations to the curriculum are delivered consistently well so that these pupils make stronger progress from their starting points.
- Leaders must strengthen their work to improve the behaviour of those pupils who repeatedly do not meet the school's expectations.
- Leaders must ensure that improvements to attendance, particularly for pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities, are sustained over time.
- Leaders must ensure that the programme for pastoral care and personal development is delivered consistently well, so that all pupils are able to build positive and trusting relationships with staff.

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 Thursday 9 July.

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 interim CEO, and Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Local Authority. A copy of this letter will also be published on GOV.UK.

Yours sincerely



Lucy Livings
Regional Director for the South West

CC:

James McNeillie – South West and West Midlands Regional Director for Ofsted

Sir Jon Coles – Authentic Education Group Limited Interim CEO

Cathi Hadley – Director of Children's Services at Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Local Authority