

The Members and Trustees
Tove Learning Trust
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1 September 2026

By email:

Dear Mrs Brookes,

**Termination Warning Notice to the Members and Trustees of Tove Learning Trust
("the Trust") in respect of Stantonbury School ("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 9 July 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.

His Majesty's Chief Inspector is of the opinion that this school requires special measures because it is failing to provide an acceptable standard of education, and the persons responsible for leading, managing or governing the school are not demonstrating the capacity to secure the necessary improvement in the school.

The Ofsted report published on 17 July 2026 identified three areas meeting the expected standard (Inclusion, Personal Development and Post 16 Provision), one area needs attention (Curriculum and Teaching) and three areas require urgent improvement (Achievement, Attendance and Behaviour, Leadership and Governance).

Next steps:

- Leaders should ensure that they have an accurate oversight of any poor behaviours that happen in the school so that these are responded to swiftly and effectively. Additionally, leaders should ensure that they accurately measure the impact of their behaviour management strategy so that pupils' unacceptable behaviour rapidly reduces.
- Leaders should ensure that their work to improve attendance and reduce persistent absence is sustainable.
- Leaders should ensure that they improve the consistency of teaching across the school so that pupils achieve more securely and are better prepared for their next steps.

- Governors should ensure that the work of the school is thoroughly checked and challenged so that priorities are sharply focused where they need to be.

As set out in [Support and intervention in schools](#), there is a presumption that academies found by Ofsted to require special measures will receive structural intervention, which means they will be transferred to an alternative academy trust. This presumption may be set aside in exceptional circumstances.

Exceptional circumstances may apply, for example, if I am satisfied that the Trust has demonstrated, through its representations and/or other evidence, that there has been an exceptional improvement or change in leadership capacity at both trust and school levels since or shortly before inspection, which already shows impact, and therefore the Trust is now demonstrating that it has the capacity to deliver rapid and sustainable improvement at the Academy.

If I am not satisfied that exceptional circumstances apply, I will, in accordance with the Department's policy, consider terminating 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 **22 September**.

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 Milton Keynes City Council. A copy of this letter will also be published on GOV.UK.

Yours sincerely,



Dame Kate Dethridge
Regional Director for South East England

CC: Ofsted

Jamie Clarke, CEO, Tove Learning Trust
Dr Mac Heath, Milton Keynes City Council