

Schedule 8

New SFA – Weston Favell Academy



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SUMMARY SHEET

Information about the Academy:

Name of Academy Trust	Greenwood Academies Trust
Company number	06864339
Date of Master Funding Agreement	29 August 2016
Name of Academy	Weston Favell Academy
Opening date	1 September 2012
Type of Academy (indicate whether academy or free school)	Academy
Religious designation	N/A
Wholly or partly selective	N/A
Name of predecessor school (where applicable)	Weston Favell School
Capacity number	1,525
Age range	11 - 18
Number of sixth form places	175
SEN unit / Resource provision	N/A
Land arrangements (Version 1-7 or other)	Version 2
Address and title number of Land	Weston Favell Academy, Booth Lane South, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN3 3EZ title number NN312499
Part of a PFI scheme	Yes

Please confirm which clause variations have been applied or marked as 'Not used'

Clause No.	Descriptor	Applied	Not used
1.I	Only applies to free schools and new provision academies		x
1.J	Only applies to academies which form part of a PFI arrangement	x	
1.K	Only applies to academies which form part of a PFI arrangement	x	
2.A.1	Clause applies where an academy was previously a VC or foundation school designated with a religious character		x
2.C, 2.D	Only applies where the academy has an SEN unit		x
2.E	Only applies where there was a predecessor independent school		x
2.G	Clause does not apply to free schools (unless there was a predecessor independent school), or new provision academies	x	
2.M	Clause applies only to academies and free schools designated with a religious character		x
2.N	Clause applies only to academies that were formerly wholly selective grammar schools		x
2.O	Clause applies only to academies that were formerly partially selective grammar schools		x
2.T	Clause applies to free schools and new provision academies designated with a religious character		x
2.W	Clause only applies where the academy is designated with a religious character		x
2.X	Clause only applies where the academy has not been designated with a religious character	x	
2.Y	Clause applies where an academy was previously a VC school or foundation school		x

Clause No.	Descriptor	Applied	Not used
	designated with a religious character		
2.Yc)	Sub-clause applies if the academy is designated with a denominational religious character – CE etc. rather than 'Christian'		x
3.A – 3.F	Option 1 applies to converter and sponsored academies: if used delete option 2		x
3.A – 3.F	Option 2 applies to free schools and new provision academies: if used delete option 1		x
3.G	Clause relating to Start-up only applies in some cases (does not apply to academy converters)	x	
3.I	Clause only applies to full sponsored and intermediate sponsored academies with approved Academy Action Plans	x	
3.J	Clause does not apply to free schools (unless there was a predecessor independent school), or new provision academies	x	
3.L	Only applies to academies which form part of a PFI arrangement	x	
3.M	Only applies to academies which form part of a PFI arrangement	x	
3.N	Only applies to academies which form part of a PFI arrangement	x	
5.B(d) – (k)	Only applies to academies which form part of a PFI arrangement	x	
5.I	Clause only applies to sponsored academies	x	
5.K	Clause applies to free schools and may be applied to new provision academies		x
5.L	Clause applies to free schools and may be applied to new provision academies		x
5.M	Clause applies to free schools and may be applied to new provision academies		x

Clause No.	Descriptor	Applied	Not used
5.N	Clause applies to free schools and may be applied to new provision academies		x
5.Z – 5.LL	Only applies to academies which form part of a PFI arrangement	x	
5.O	Clause applies to free schools and may be applied to new provision academies		x
6.H	Clause only applies to schools which are designated with a Church of England or Roman Catholic character		x

1. ESTABLISHING THE ACADEMY

- 1.A This Agreement made on 30 August 2012 amended and restated by a deed of variation dated *29 August* 2014 between the Secretary of State for Education and Greenwood Academies Trust is supplemental to the master funding agreement made between the same parties as amended and restated by the deed of variation dated *29 August* 2014 (the "**Master Agreement**").

Definitions and interpretation

- 1.B Except as expressly provided in this Agreement words and expressions defined in the Master Agreement will have those same meanings in this Agreement.
- 1.C The following capitalised words and expressions will have the following meanings:

"**The Academy**" means Weston Favell Academy.

"**Academy Trust Insolvency Notice**" – has the meaning given to it in clause 5.CC of this Agreement.

"**Critical Years**" – has the meaning given to it in clause 5.BB of this Agreement.

"**Current Funding**" – has the meaning given to it in clause 5.BB of this Agreement.

"**Insolvency**" has the meaning given to it in section 123 of the Insolvency Act 1986.

"**Lease**" has the meaning given to it in clause 4 of this Agreement.

"**Normal Payment Matters**" has the meaning given to it in the Principal Agreement.

"**PFI Contractor**" means Northampton Schools Limited Partnership (acting by its general partner Northampton Schools Limited), the counterparty of the LA to the Project Agreement.

"**PFI EAG Refusal**" – has the meaning given to it in clause 5.BB of this Agreement.

"Principal Agreement" means the principal agreement entered into by the Secretary of State, the Academy Trust and the LA in connection with the Academy and dated on or around the date of this Agreement.

"Project Agreement" means the PFI project agreement dated 22 December 2005 (as varied on 9 May 2008) and entered into by the LA and PFI Contractor (as may be amended from time to time).

"School Agreement" means the school agreement entered into by the LA and the Academy Trust relating to the provision of facilities and services to the Academy and dated on or around the date of this Agreement.

"Shortfall" – has the meaning given to it in clause 5.FF of this Agreement.

"Start-Up Period" covers the period up to the 2018/2019 Academy Financial Year.

"Termination Notice" means a notice sent by the Secretary of State to the Academy Trust, terminating this Agreement on the date specified in the notice.

"Termination Warning Notice" means a notice sent by the Secretary of State to the Academy Trust, stating his intention to terminate this Agreement.

1.D The Interpretation Act 1978 applies to this Agreement as it applies to an Act of Parliament.

1.E Reference in this Agreement to clauses and annexes will, unless otherwise stated, be to clauses and annexes to this Agreement.

The Academy

1.F The Academy is a Sponsored Academy as defined in clause 1.4 of the Master Agreement.

1.G The Academy Trust will establish and maintain the Academy in accordance with the Master Agreement and this Agreement.

1.H The Academy Trust opened the Academy on 1 September 2012.

1.I Not used.

1.J The Academy Trust shall enter into the School Agreement, the Principal Agreement and the Lease.

1.K The Academy Trust must conduct the Academy within the terms and requirements of the Principal Agreement, the School Agreement and the Lease.

2. RUNNING OF THE ACADEMY

Teachers and staff

2.A Subject to clause 2.4 of the Master Agreement and 7.A of this Agreement (if used), the Academy Trust may, in accordance with any relevant Guidance, employ anyone it believes is suitably qualified or is otherwise eligible to plan and prepare lessons and courses for pupils, teach pupils, and assess and report on pupils' development, progress and attainment.

2.A.1 Not used.

Pupils

2.B The planned capacity of the Academy is 1,525 in the age range 11 - 18, including a sixth form of 175 places. The Academy will be an all ability inclusive school.

SEN unit

2.C Not used.

2.D Not used.

Charging

2.E Not used.

Admissions

- 2.F Subject to clauses 2.K– 2.L the Academy Trust will act in accordance with, and will ensure that its Independent Appeal Panel is trained to act in accordance with, the School Admissions Code and School Admission Appeals Code published by the DfE (the “Codes”) and all relevant admissions law as they apply to foundation and voluntary aided schools, and with equalities law. Reference in the Codes or legislation to “admission authorities” will be deemed to be references to the Academy Trust.
- 2.G Pupils on roll in a Predecessor School which was a maintained or independent school will transfer automatically to the Academy on opening. All children already offered a place at that Predecessor School must be admitted to the Academy.
- 2.H The Academy Trust must participate in the local Fair Access Protocol. The Academy Trust must participate in the coordinated admission arrangements operated by the LA in whose area the Academy is situated. If the Academy is a free school, the Academy Trust is not required to participate in coordination for its first intake of pupils.
- 2.I The Academy Trust may determine admission arrangements (subject to consultation in line with the Codes) that give priority for admission to children attracting the Pupil Premium, including the service premium (the “pupil premium admission criterion”), but not above looked-after children and previously looked-after children.
- 2.J Where the Academy Trust applies the pupil premium admission criterion, it must provide information in its admission arrangements about eligibility for the premiums.
- 2.K For the purposes of applying the pupil premium admission criterion only, sections 1.9(f) and 2.4(a) of the School Admissions Code do not apply insofar as they prevent admission authorities from giving priority to children according to the financial or occupational status of parents or using supplementary forms that ask for:

- a) any personal details about their financial status; or
- b) whether parents are serving in the armed forces (of any nation), stationed in England, and exercising parental care and responsibility for the child in question.

2.L The Secretary of State may:

- a) direct the Academy Trust to admit a named pupil to the Academy:
 - i. following an application from an LA including complying with a school attendance order as defined in section 437 of the Education Act 1996. Before doing so the Secretary of State will consult the Academy Trust; or
 - ii. where in relation to a specific child or children the Academy Trust has failed to act in accordance with the Codes or this Agreement or has otherwise acted unlawfully; or
- b) direct the Academy Trust to amend its admission arrangements where they do not comply with the Codes or this Agreement, or are otherwise unlawful.

2.M Not used.

2.N Not used.

2.O Not used.

2.P The Academy Trust must ensure that parents and 'relevant children' (as described in the **Codes**) have the right to appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel if they are dissatisfied with an admission decision of the Academy Trust. The arrangements for appeals must comply with the Codes as they apply to foundation and voluntary aided schools. The determination of the appeal panel is binding on all parties.

2.Q Subject to clause 2.R, the meaning of "**relevant area**" for the purposes of consultation requirements in relation to admission arrangements is that

determined by the relevant LA for maintained schools in the area in accordance with the Education (Relevant Areas for Consultation on Admission Arrangements) Regulations 1999.

- 2.R If the Academy does not consider the relevant area determined by the LA for the maintained schools in the area to be appropriate, it must apply to the Secretary of State by 1 August before the academic year in question for a determination of the appropriate relevant area for the Academy, setting out the reasons for this view. The Secretary of State will consult the Academy Trust and the LA in whose area the Academy is situated in reaching a decision.
- 2.S The Office of the Schools Adjudicator (“OSA”) will consider objections to the Academy’s admission arrangements (except objections against the agreed variations from the Codes specified at clause 2.K, over which it has no jurisdiction). The Academy Trust must therefore make it clear, when determining the Academy’s admission arrangements, that objections should be submitted to the OSA. The OSA’s determination of an objection is binding on the Academy and the Academy Trust must make appropriate changes to its admission arrangements as quickly as possible.
- 2.T Not used.

Curriculum

- 2.U The Academy Trust must provide for the teaching of religious education and a daily act of collective worship at the Academy.
- 2.V The Academy Trust must comply with section 71(1)-(6) and (8) of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 as if the Academy were a community, foundation or voluntary school, and as if references to “religious education” and “religious worship” in that section were references to the religious education and religious worship provided by the Academy in accordance with clause 2.X.
- 2.W Not used.

- 2.X Subject to clause 2.V, **where the Academy has not been designated with a religious character** (in accordance with section 124B of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 or further to section 6(8) of the Academies Act 2010):
- a) provision must be made for religious education to be given to all pupils at the Academy in accordance with the requirements for agreed syllabuses in section 375(3) of the Education Act 1996 and paragraph 2(5) of Schedule 19 to the School Standards and Framework Act 1998;
 - b) the Academy must comply with section 70(1) of, and Schedule 20 to, the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 as if it were a community, foundation or voluntary school which does not have a religious character, except that paragraph 4 of that Schedule does not apply. The Academy may apply to the Secretary of State for consent to be relieved of the requirement imposed by paragraph 3(2) of that Schedule.
- 2.Y Not used.
- 2.Z The Academy Trust must have regard to any Guidance, further to section 403 of the Education Act 1996, on sex and relationship education to ensure that children at the Academy are protected from inappropriate teaching materials and that they learn the nature of marriage and its importance for family life and for bringing up children. The Academy Trust must also have regard to the requirements in section 405 of the Education Act 1996, as if the Academy were a maintained school.
- 2.AA The Academy Trust must prevent political indoctrination, and secure the balanced treatment of political issues, in line with the requirements for maintained schools set out in the Education Act 1996, and have regard to any Guidance.

3. GRANT FUNDING

Calculation of GAG

- 3.A Subject to clause 3.B, the basis of the pupil number count for the purposes of determining GAG for Academy Financial Years after the Academy Financial Year in which the Academy opens will be:
- a) for the pupil number count for pupils in Year 11 and below, the Schools Census which is used to fund maintained schools for the financial year overlapping with the Academy Financial Year in question; and
 - b) for the pupil number count for pupils in Year 12 and above, the formula which for the time being is in use for maintained schools for the calculation of pupil numbers for pupils in Year 12 and above for the purpose of calculating their level of funding.
- 3.B. Where either of the following conditions applies in respect of an Academy Financial Year (up to and including Academy Financial Year 2017/18), the basis of the pupil count will be the Academy Trust's most recent estimate, provided in accordance with clause 3.C. The conditions are:
- a) not all planned Year-groups will be present at the Academy (that is, not all the pupil cohorts relevant to the age-range of the Academy will have some pupils present); or
 - b) the total number of pupils as measured in the Schools Census which is used to fund maintained schools for the financial year overlapping with the Academy Financial Year in question is less than 90% of the planned final size of the Academy, as specified in this Agreement, and has not at any previous time been 90% or more of that number.
- 3.C The Secretary of State will, in advance of each Academy Financial Year for the Academy, at such time or times as he shall determine, request that the Academy Trust provides an estimate of the number of pupils on roll in the following September for the purposes of determining GAG for an Academy Financial Year. The Academy Trust must provide the requested estimate (such

estimate to be based on an objective assessment of numbers) to the Secretary of State as soon as reasonably practicable.

3.D For any Academy Financial Year in which GAG for the Academy has been calculated in accordance with clause 3.A, no adjustment will be made to the formula funding element in the following Academy Financial Year's formula funding element of GAG unless the Company demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Secretary of State that there has been a significant impact on balances. For any other element of GAG the Secretary of State may make adjustments to recognise a variation in pupil numbers from that used to calculate the element of grant in question; the basis of these will be set out in the annual letter of funding.

3.E For any Academy Financial Year in which GAG for the Academy is calculated in accordance with clause 3.B an adjustment, which may be upwards or downwards, will be made to the following Academy Financial Year's formula funding element of GAG for the Academy to recognise any variation from the estimate greater than the following amounts:

- 2.5% of the estimate in Academy Financial Year 2013/14;
- 2% of the estimate in Academy Financial Year 2014/15;
- 1.5% of the estimate in Academy Financial Year 2015/16;
- 1% of the estimate in Academy Financial Year 2016/17; and
- 0.5% of the estimate in Academy Financial Year 2017/18.

The additional or clawed-back grant will be only that amount relevant to the number of pupils beyond the percentage variation specified for the Academy Financial Years stated in this clause.

3.F In Academy Financial Year 2018/19, and any subsequent Academy Financial Year, GAG for the Academy will be calculated in accordance with clause 3.A and 3.D.

3.G The Secretary of State may pay a further element of GAG to the Academy Trust during the Start-Up Period or during the period when year groups are present who have transferred from the Predecessor School, in order to allow the Academy to:

- a) purchase a basic stock of teaching and learning materials (including library books, text books, software, stationery, science equipment and equipment for physical education) and other consumable materials; and
- b) meet the costs associated with the recruitment and induction of additional staff.

After the Start-Up Period these costs will be met through the ordinary GAG.

3.H The Secretary of State recognises that if he serves a Termination Notice or a Termination Warning Notice, or otherwise terminates the Master Agreement, the intake of new pupils during the notice period may decline and therefore payments based on the number of pupils attending the Academy may be insufficient to meet the Academy's needs. In these circumstances the Secretary of State may pay a larger GAG in the notice period, to enable the Academy to operate effectively.

Other relevant funding

3.I The Academy Trust may apply to the Secretary of State for financial assistance in relation to proposed redundancies at the Academy. In response to such an application, the Secretary of State shall meet a proportion of the Academy Trust's costs arising from the inclusion of academies in the schedules to the Redundancy Payments (Continuity of Employment in Local Government) (Modification) Order 1999. The Secretary of State shall meet the costs of an employee's prior eligible service, being service before the Academy opened, but the Academy Trust must meet the costs of service after the Academy opened. The Academy Trust shall seek the Secretary of State's consent for these redundancies, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, before committing to the redundancies.

- 3.J The Secretary of State may pay the Academy Trust's costs in connection with the transfer of employees from a Predecessor School under the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006. Such payment will be agreed on a case-by-case basis. The Academy Trust must not budget for such a payment unless the Secretary of State confirms in writing that it will be paid.

Carrying forward of funds

- 3.K Any additional grant made in accordance with clause 3.H, for a period after the Secretary of State has served a Termination Notice or a Termination Warning Notice under this Agreement, or otherwise terminates the Master Agreement, may be carried forward without limitation or deduction until the circumstances set out in clause 3.H cease to apply or the Academy closes.
- 3.L The Academy Trust must use the GAG funding it receives prudently to cover the normal reasonable running costs of the Academy including payments which fall due pursuant to the School Agreement or the Principal Agreement and to make payments under the School Agreement which will in turn form a contribution to the LA's obligations to pay the unitary charge under the Project Agreement.
- 3.M If the Secretary of State makes a payment under the Principal Agreement the Secretary of State may, subject to clause 3.N, set off or abate an equivalent amount from any GAG payable to the Academy Trust pursuant to this Agreement in the following financial year.
- 3.N Before making any set off or abatement pursuant to clause 3.M above, the Secretary of State shall:
- 3.N.1 notify the Academy Trust of the payment under the Principal Agreement;
 - 3.N.2 take into account (acting reasonably) any representations made by the Academy Trust providing reasons why the relevant liabilities were not settled;
 - 3.N.3 take into account (acting reasonably) any representations made by the Academy Trust as to the nature of the liabilities under consideration.

4. LAND

“Land” means the land at Weston Favell Academy, Booth Lane South, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN3 3EZ, being the land registered with title number NN312499 and demised by the Lease.

“Lease” means the lease or other occupational agreement between the Academy Trust and a third party (the **“Landlord”**) under which the Academy Trust derives title to the Land.

“Property Notice” means any order, notice, proposal, demand or other requirement issued by any competent authority (including the Landlord) which materially affects the Academy Trust’s ability to use the Land for the purposes of the Academy.

Restrictions on Land transfer

4.A Not used.

Obligations of the Academy Trust

4.B Save to the extent that any of the Academy Trust's obligations are the responsibility of the PFI Contractor (whereupon the Academy Trust must use reasonable endeavours to procure the PFI Contractor’s compliance with its obligations under the Project Agreement), the Academy Trust must keep the Land clean and tidy and make good any damage or deterioration to the Land. The Academy Trust must not do anything to lessen the value or marketability of the Land without the Secretary of State’s consent.

4.C The Academy Trust must comply with the Lease and promptly enforce its rights against the Landlord.

4.D The Academy Trust must not, without the Secretary of State’s consent:

- a) terminate, vary, surrender, renew, dispose of or agree any revised rent under the Lease;

- b) grant any consent or licence; or
 - c) create or allow any encumbrance; or
 - d) part with or share possession or occupation; or
 - e) enter into any onerous or restrictive obligations,
- in respect of all or part of the Land.

Option

4.E Not used.

Option Notice

4.F Not used.

Property Notices

4.G If the Academy Trust receives a Property Notice, it must:

- a) send a copy of it to the Secretary of State within 14 days, stating how the Academy Trust intends to respond to it;
- b) promptly give the Secretary of State all the information he asks for about it;
- c) allow the Secretary of State to take all necessary action, with or instead of the Academy Trust, to comply with it, and
- d) use its best endeavours to help the Secretary of State in connection with it.

Breach of Lease

4.H If the Academy Trust is, or if it is reasonably foreseeable that it will be, in material breach of the Lease, the Academy Trust must immediately give written notice to the Secretary of State stating what the breach is and what

action the Academy Trust has taken or proposes to take to remedy it, including timescales where appropriate.

4.I After notifying the Secretary of State under clause 4.H, the Academy Trust must:

- a) promptly give the Secretary of State all the information he asks for about the breach;
- b) allow the Secretary of State to take all necessary action, with or instead of the Academy Trust, to remedy or prevent the breach, and
- c) use its best endeavours to help the Secretary of State to remedy or prevent the breach.

5. TERMINATION

Termination by either party

5.A Either party may give at least seven Academy Financial Years' notice to terminate this Agreement. Such termination would take effect on 31 August of the relevant year.

Termination Warning Notice

5.B The Secretary of State may serve a Termination Warning Notice where he considers that:

- a) the Academy Trust has breached the provisions of this Agreement or the Master Agreement; or
- b) the standards of performance of pupils at the Academy are unacceptably low; or
- c) there has been a serious breakdown in the way the Academy is managed or governed; or
- d) the safety of pupils or staff is threatened, including due to breakdown of discipline.

- e) the Secretary of State is obliged to make a payment under the Principal Agreement; or
- f) in the immediately preceding 12 month period, the aggregate of the payments made by the Academy Trust to the LA under the Principal Agreement has reached more than 5% of GAG; or
- g) the Secretary of State considers (acting reasonably) that there has been a Persistent Breach of the School Agreement or the Principal Agreement likely to materially and adversely impact on the provision of educational services at the Academy, and for the purposes of this clause 5.B(g)., "Persistent Breach" means: (i) a particular breach which has recurred three (3) or more times in any rolling six (6) month period; or (ii) the occurrence of five (5) or more different breaches in any rolling six (6) month period; or
- h) the Academy Trust has committed a material breach of the School Agreement or the Principal Agreement;
- i) the Secretary of State has received a notice from the LA informing it of instances of breaches or non-compliance by the Academy Trust with the School Agreement or Principal Agreement that may have the consequence of causing the LA to be in breach or default of the Project Agreement; or
- j) the Academy Trust has failed to take the action referred to in clause 5.C by the date specified in clause 5.C; or
- k) the circumstances envisaged by clauses 5.II and 5.JJ of this Agreement in respect of EAG funding are applicable.

5.C A Termination Warning Notice served under clause 5.B will specify:

- a) the action the Academy Trust must take;
- b) the date by which the action must be completed; and

- c) the date by which the Academy Trust must make any representations, or confirm that it agrees to undertake the specified action.
- 5.D The Secretary of State will consider any representations from the Academy Trust which he receives by the date specified in the Termination Warning Notice. The Secretary of State may amend the Termination Warning Notice to specify further action which the Academy Trust must take, and the date by which it must be completed.
- 5.E If the Secretary of State considers that the Academy Trust has not responded to the Termination Warning Notice as specified under clause 5.C(c), or has not completed the action required in the Termination Warning Notice as specified under clauses 5.C(a) and (b) (and any further action specified under clause 5.D) he may serve a Termination Notice.

Termination by the Secretary of State after inspection

- 5.F If the Chief Inspector gives notice to the Academy Trust that:
 - a) special measures are required to be taken in relation to the Academy; or
 - b) the Academy requires significant improvementthe Secretary of State may serve a Termination Warning Notice, specifying the date by which the Academy Trust must make any representations.
- 5.G In deciding whether to give notice of his intention to terminate under clause 5.F, the Secretary of State will have due regard to the overall performance of the Academy Trust.
- 5.H If the Secretary of State has served a Termination Warning Notice under clause 5.F and:
 - a) has not received any representations from the Academy Trust by the date specified in the notice; or

- b) having considered the representations made by the Academy Trust remains satisfied that this Agreement should be terminated;

he may serve a Termination Notice.

5.I If the Chief Inspector gives a notice referred to in clause 5.F to the Academy Trust within two years after the Academy opened, the Secretary of State may only serve a Termination Warning Notice under clause 5.F if:

- a) the Chief Inspector has held a monitoring inspection under section 8 of the Education Act 2005 later than two years after the Academy opened; and
- b) the Chief Inspector considers that the Academy is not making enough progress towards the removal of the designation referred to in his notice.

Nothing in this clause prevents or prejudices the Secretary of State exercising any other rights arising from or under this Agreement (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any rights under clauses 5.B to 5.E).

Termination by the Secretary of State

5.J If the Secretary of State has determined that the Academy will be removed from the Register of Independent Schools and no appeal against that determination is pending, he may serve a Termination Notice.

5.K Not used.

5.L Not used

5.M Not used.

5.N Not used.

5.O Not used.

Funding and admission during notice period

- 5.P If the Secretary of State serves a Termination Notice under clause 5.A, the Academy Trust may continue during the notice period to admit pupils to the Academy, and to receive GAG and EAG, in accordance with this Agreement.
- 5.Q If the Secretary of State serves a Termination Warning Notice or a Termination Notice otherwise than under clause 5.A, the Academy Trust may continue during the notice period to admit pupils to the Academy (unless the Secretary of State specifies otherwise), and to receive GAG and EAG, in accordance with this Agreement.

Notice of intention to terminate by Academy Trust

- 5.R The provisions of this clause 5R and of clauses 5.S to 5.Y (inclusive) shall apply when the Project Agreement has expired or been terminated. The Secretary of State will, before the start of each Academy Financial Year, provide the Academy Trust with a final funding allocation indicating the level of GAG and EAG to be provided in the next Academy Financial Year (the **"Funding Allocation"**).
- 5.S If the Academy Trust is of the opinion that, after receipt of the Funding Allocation for the next Academy Financial Year (the **"Critical Year"**) and after taking into account all other resources likely to be available to the Academy, including other funds that are likely to be available to the Academy from other academies operated by the Academy Trust (**"All Other Resources"**), it is likely that the cost of running the Academy during the Critical Year would cause the Academy Trust to become insolvent (and for this reason only) then the Academy Trust may give written notice of its intention to terminate this Agreement at the end of the then current Academy Financial Year.
- 5.T Any notice given by the Academy Trust under clause 5.S must be provided to the Secretary of State within six weeks of the Secretary of State issuing the Funding Allocation. The notice given by the Academy Trust under clause 5.S must specify:

- a) the grounds upon which the Academy Trust's opinion is based, including:
 - i. evidence of those grounds;
 - ii. any professional accounting advice the Academy Trust has received;
 - iii. a detailed statement of steps which the Academy Trust proposes to take to ensure that the running costs of the Academy are reduced such that costs are less than the Funding Allocation and All Other Resources, and the period of time within which such steps will be taken; and
- b) the shortfall in the Critical Year between the Funding Allocation and All Other Resources expected to be available to the Academy Trust to run the Academy and the projected expenditure on the Academy; and
- c) a detailed budget of income and expenditure for the Academy during the Critical Year (the "**Projected Budget**").

5.U Both parties will use their best endeavours to agree whether or not the cost of running the Academy during the Critical Year would cause the Academy Trust to become insolvent. Both parties recognise that they will need to engage in a constructive dialogue at the time about how best to provide education for the pupils at the Academy and use their best endeavours to agree a practical solution to the problem.

5.V If no agreement is reached by 30 April (or another date if agreed between the parties) as to whether the cost of running the Academy during the Critical Year would cause the Academy Trust to become insolvent, then that question will be referred to an independent expert (the "**Expert**") for resolution. The Expert's determination will be final and binding on both parties. The Expert will be requested to specify in his determination the amount of the shortfall in funding (the "**Shortfall**").

- 5.W The Expert will be an insolvency practitioner with significant professional experience of educational institutions or academies. If the parties fail to agree upon the appointment of the Expert then the Expert will be appointed by the President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales. The Expert's fees will be borne equally between the parties.
- 5.X The Expert will be required in reaching his determination to take account of advice from an educational specialist who is professionally familiar with the issues arising from the budget management of schools. If the parties fail to agree upon the appointment of the educational specialist then the educational specialist will be appointed by the Chairman of the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust (or any successor or equivalent body). The educational specialist's fees will be borne equally between the parties.
- 5.Y If the Expert determines that the cost of running the Academy during the Critical Year would cause the Academy Trust to become insolvent, and the Secretary of State will not have agreed to provide sufficient additional funding to cover the Shortfall, then the Academy Trust will be entitled to terminate this Agreement, by notice expiring on 31 August before to the Critical Year. Any such notice will be given within 21 days after (a) the Expert's determination will have been given to the parties or (b), if later, the Secretary of State will have given written notice of his refusal to provide sufficient additional funding for the Academy to cover the Shortfall.
- 5.Z The provisions of this clause 5.Z and of clauses 5.AA to 5.LL (inclusive) shall apply when the Project Agreement is subsisting.
- 5.AA The Secretary of State will, before the start of each Academy Financial Year, provide the Academy Trust with a final allocation indicating the level of GAG and EAG to be provided in the next following Academy Financial Year (the "Indicative Funding").
- 5.BB For the purpose of clauses 5BB to 5LL:

"Critical Years" means the current financial year and, if an annual letter of funding or its equivalent has been received for the following financial year, that financial year;

"Current Funding" means the funding specified in the annual letters of funding (or their equivalent) for the Critical Years and all other resources available and likely to be available to the Academy Trust, including funds detailed in the Master Agreement;

A "PFI EAG Refusal" occurs where:

- (a) the Academy Trust has made a request for EAG funding in connection with its obligations or discharging its liabilities under the School Agreement or the Principal Agreement; and
- (b) the Secretary of State has not agreed, in accordance with clauses 3.16 and 3.17 of the Master Agreement, to provide such EAG funding to the Academy Trust.

5.CC Within 30 days of being notified by the Secretary of State of a PFI EAG Refusal, the Academy Trust may provide written notice that it considers that, after taking into account its Current Funding, it is likely that the running costs during the Critical Years would cause the Academy Trust to go into Insolvency ("Academy Trust Insolvency Notice").

5.DD Any Academy Insolvency Notice must specify:

5DD.1 the grounds upon which the Academy Trust's opinion is based, including:

- (i) evidence of those grounds;
- (ii) any professional accounting advice, upon which the Academy Trust's opinion is based;
- (iii) a detailed statement of steps which the Academy Trust proposes to take to ensure that as soon as reasonably practicable the running costs are reduced sufficiently in the Critical Years to ensure that such costs are less than its Current Funding and the period of time within which such steps will be taken;
- (iv) the shortfall in the Critical Years between the Current Funding expected to be available to the Academy Trust to cover the running costs and the projected expenditure of the Academy Trust; and

- (v) a detailed budget of income and expenditure for the Academy during the Critical Years.

5.EE Within 15 days of the provision of the Academy Trust Insolvency Notice, both parties shall discuss and if possible (using reasonable endeavours) agree whether or not it is likely that the running costs during the Critical Years would cause the Academy Trust to go into Insolvency and such Insolvency could not be avoided through prudent financial management (including, by using GAG funding prudently). Both parties recognise that they will need to engage in a constructive dialogue at the time about how best to provide education for the pupils at the Academy and agree to use their reasonable endeavours to agree a practical solution to the problem.

5.FF If no agreement is reached in accordance with clause 5.EE within 15 days of the Academy Trust Insolvency Notice being served, then the following questions shall be referred to an independent expert (the "Expert") for determination:

5.FF.1 whether, on the basis of the Current Funding, it is likely that the running costs during the Critical Years would cause the Academy Trust to go into Insolvency;

5.FF.2 whether the Academy Trust is using the funds provided under this Agreement and the Master Agreement prudently; and

5.FF.3 whether the Academy Trust is using the funds provided under this Agreement and the Master Agreement in accordance with the requirements of this Agreement and the Master Agreement.

The Expert's determination shall be final and binding on both parties. The Expert shall be requested to specify in his determination:

- (a) the amount of the shortfall (if any) in funding between the running costs and the Current Funding during the Critical Years (the "Shortfall"); and

- (b) (if appropriate) recommendations as to future spending and the running costs.

The Expert will be an insolvency practitioner with significant professional experience of educational institutions or academies. If the parties fail to agree upon the appointment of the Expert then the Expert shall be appointed by the President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

5.GG The parties shall procure that the Expert (together with any educational specialist appointed pursuant to this clause) will act promptly in determining the matters referred to him. The Expert will be required to take account of advice from an educational specialist who is professionally familiar with the issues arising from the budget management of schools. If the parties fail to agree upon the appointment of the educational specialist then the educational specialist shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust.

5.HH The Expert's and the educational specialist's fees shall be borne equally between the parties.

5.II For the purpose of clauses 5.JJ and 5.LL, "Insolvency Decision" means either:

5.II.1 in accordance with clause 5.EE, the Secretary of State agrees with the Academy Trust that on the basis of the Current Funding it is likely that the running costs during the Critical Years would cause the Academy Trust to go into Insolvency which could not be avoided through prudent financial management (including, using GAG funding prudently); or

5.II.2 an Expert determines in accordance with clause 5.FF that on the basis of the Current Funding it is likely that the running costs during the Critical Years would cause the Academy Trust to go into Insolvency or that the Academy Trust is not using the funds provided under this Agreement and the Master Agreement prudently and in accordance with the requirements of this Agreement and the Master Agreement.

5.JJ Within 10 Business Days of an Insolvency Decision, the Secretary of State may either at its option:

5.JJ.1 withdraw the PFI EAG Refusal and promptly pay to the Academy Trust the amount of requested EAG funding or such other sum as shall be appropriate; or

5.JJ.2 terminate this Agreement on not less than 20 Business Days notice to the Academy Trust.

5.KK In the event that the Secretary of State provides additional EAG funding in accordance with clause 5.JJ, the Secretary of State may within 12 months of paying the additional EAG funding, terminate this Agreement at any time.

5.LL In the event that there is no Insolvency Decision, this Agreement shall continue and the Secretary of State shall not be obliged to pay to the Academy Trust the requested EAG funding.

Effect of termination

5.MM If this Agreement is terminated, the Academy will cease to be an academy within the meaning of sections 1 and 1A of the Academies Act 2010.

5.NN Subject to clauses 5.OO and 5.PP, if the Secretary of State terminates this Agreement under clause 5.A, he will indemnify the Academy Trust. If the Secretary of State terminates this Agreement otherwise than under clause 5.A, he may at his discretion indemnify or compensate the Academy Trust.

5.OO The amount of any such indemnity or compensation will be determined by the Secretary of State, having regard to representations made to him by the Academy Trust, and will be paid as and when the Secretary of State considers appropriate.

5.PP The categories of expenditure incurred by the Academy Trust in consequence of termination, for which the Secretary of State may indemnify the Academy Trust under clauses 5.NN, may include:

- a) staff compensation and redundancy payments;
- b) compensation payments in respect of broken contracts;
- c) expenses of disposing of assets or adapting them for other purposes;

- d) legal and other professional fees; and
- e) dissolution expenses.

5.QQ If this Agreement is terminated, and the Academy Trust owns capital assets which have been partly or wholly funded by HM Government, the Academy Trust must, as soon as possible after the termination date:

- a) transfer a proportion of those capital assets, equal to the proportion of the original financial contribution made by HM Government, to a nominee of the Secretary of State to use for educational purposes; or
- b) if the Secretary of State directs that a transfer under clause 5.QQ(a) is not required, pay to the Secretary of State at the termination date (or, by agreement with the Secretary of State, at the date of their subsequent disposal) a sum equivalent to the proportion of the original financial contribution made by HM Government..

5.RR The Secretary of State may:

- a) waive all or part of the repayment due under sub-clause 5.QQ(b) if the Academy Trust obtains his permission to invest the sale proceeds for its charitable purposes; or
- b) direct the Academy Trust to pay all or part of the sale proceeds to the relevant LA.

6. OTHER CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS

Annexes

6.A Any annexes to this Agreement form part of and are incorporated into this Agreement.

The Master Agreement

6.B Except as expressly provided in this Agreement, all provisions of the Master Agreement have full force and effect.

General

- 6.C The Academy Trust cannot assign this Agreement.
- 6.D Failure to exercise, or a delay in exercising, any right or remedy of the Secretary of State under this Agreement (including the right to terminate this Agreement), or a single or partial exercise of such a right or remedy, is not a waiver of, and does not prevent or restrict any initial or further exercise of, that or any other right or remedy.
- 6.E Termination of this Agreement will not affect the accrued rights, remedies, obligations or liabilities of the parties existing at termination.
- 6.F This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which when executed and delivered shall constitute a duplicate original, but all of which will together constitute the same agreement.
- 6.G This Agreement and any dispute or claim arising out of or in connection with it or its subject matter or formation (including non-contractual disputes or claims) shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the law of England and Wales, and submitted to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of England and Wales.
- 6.H Not used.

This Agreement was executed as a Deed on

2014

Executed on behalf of the **Academy Trust** by:

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Director

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Witness

Name:

Address:

The Corporate Seal of

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EDUCATION

affixed to this deed is authenticated by:

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Duly Authorised

ANNEXES

7. PUPILS WITH SPECIAL EDUCATION NEEDS (SEN) AND DISABILITIES

“Statement of SEN” means a statement made under section 324 of the Education Act 1996.

7.A Clause 2.A does not apply to anyone whom the Academy Trust appoints as the Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator under section 317(3A) of the Education Act 1996, who must instead meet the requirements in Regulation 3 of the Education (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinators) (England) Regulations 2008 .

7.B The Academy Trust must comply with all the duties imposed on maintained schools, with regard to pupils with SEN and disabilities, in:

- a) Part 4 of the Education Act 1996;
- b) The Education (Special Educational Needs) (Information) Regulations 1999;
- c) The Education (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinators) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008.

7.C Where a child who has SEN is being educated in an Academy run by the Academy Trust, those concerned with making special educational provision for the child must secure that the child engages in the activities of the school together with children who do not have SEN, as far as is reasonably practicable and is compatible with:

- a) the child receiving the special educational provision which his learning difficulty calls for;
- b) the provision of efficient education for the children with whom he will be educated; and
- c) the efficient use of resources.

- 7.D The Academy Trust must ensure that its Academies' websites include details of the implementation of their policies for pupils with SEN; the arrangements for the admission of disabled pupils; the steps taken to prevent disabled pupils from being treated less favourably than other pupils; and the facilities provided to assist access to that Academy by disabled pupils (disability as being defined for the purposes of the Equality Act 2010).

8. ADMISSION OF PUPILS WITH SEN AND DISABILITIES

- 8.A The Academy Trust must for each of its Academies, subject to its right of appeal to the Secretary of State, admit all pupils with a statement of SEN naming the Academy.
- 8.B Where an LA proposes to name one of the Academies in a statement of SEN, it must give the Academy Trust written notice of this, stating why it considers that Academy to be suitable for the pupil in question. Within 15 days of receipt of the LA's notice, the Academy Trust must consent to being named, except where admitting the child would be incompatible with the provision of efficient education for other children, and no reasonable steps could secure compatibility. In deciding whether a child's inclusion would be incompatible with the efficient education of other children or the efficient use of resources, the Academy Trust must have regard to the relevant Guidance issued to maintained schools.
- 8.C If the Academy Trust decides that admitting the child would be incompatible with the provision of efficient education or the efficient use of resources, it must, within the 15 days, notify the LA in writing, giving its reasons for its decision.
- 8.D The Academy Trust must then seek to establish from the LA whether or not it agrees with this determination. If the LA does not agree with the Academy Trust's response, and names the Academy in the child's statement of SEN, the Academy Trust must admit the child to the school as specified in the statement or otherwise by the LA.

- 8.E** If in such case, the Academy Trust considers that the LA should not have named the Academy in the statement, it may ask the Secretary of State to determine whether the LA has acted unreasonably, and to make an order directing the LA to reconsider. The Secretary of State's determination will be final, subject only to any right of appeal which a parent of the child may have to the First-tier Tribunal (Special Educational Needs and Disability).
- 8.F** If a parent of a child for whom the LA maintains a statement appeals to the First-tier Tribunal (Special Educational Needs and Disability), either for or against the naming of the Academy in the child's statement, then the Tribunal's decision will be binding, even if it is different from that of the Secretary of State.
- 8.G** Where it has been determined that the Academy be named in a child's statement of SEN, the Academy Trust must admit the child to the Academy, notwithstanding any other admissions requirements in this Agreement.
- 8.H** Clauses 7.A to 8.H only apply insofar as the relevant provisions of the Children & Families Act 2014 relating to SEN and disability do not apply to Academies and Free Schools.



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