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Mr Guy Marson
Chair of Governors
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Dear Mr Marson

Financial notice to improve

On 18 March 2016, I wrote to you to serve notice that Steiner Academy Frome (‘the trust’) was required to improve financial management, control and governance at the trust. This was as a consequence of the trust’s failure to submit audited financial statements and management letters within the timeframe set by the Academy Financial Handbook (AFH) for two consecutive years. The Financial Notice to Improve (FNtl) set out the actions that were needed to be taken by the trust to make sure necessary improvements were made.

Further to our close monitoring of the trust’s progress, which includes enhance financial governance controls, and the submission of audited financial statements and management letter on the 23 December 2016, I am pleased to inform you that I am content that the FNtl conditions have been met. Furthermore, I am grateful for the assurances provided regarding the improvement of financial management, control and governance at the trust. As a result, the FNtl will be lifted, with effect from the date of this letter.

This letter will be published on the GOV.uk website, in due course following on from the publication of the FNtl on 6 May 2016. I am copying this letter to Trevor Mepham, Accounting Officer of the trust and Rebecca Clark the South West Regional Schools Commissioner.

It will be important that controls and processes across the trust are continued to be embedded. I would like to thank you for your contribution in ensuring the trust has reached this position.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Pettifer', written in a cursive style.

Mike Pettifer
Acting Director, Academies and Maintained Schools Group

Cc: Trevor Mepham (Accounting Officer of the trust)
Rebecca Clark (South West Regional Schools Commissioner)