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15 February 2017

Dear Directors,

**Pre-Warning Notice Letter to the Directors of the Guildford Education Partnership ('the Company') in relation to Kings College, Guildford ('the Academy')**

As you know, following its inspection on 6 and 7 December 2016, Ofsted has judged the overall effectiveness of Kings College, Guildford, to be inadequate. The Chief Inspector has therefore given notice (under section 13(3)(a) of the Education Act 2005) that special measures are required to be taken in relation to the Academy.

Section 2A<sup>1</sup> of the Academies Act 2010 allows the Secretary of State, having given the proprietor an opportunity to make representations, to terminate the funding agreement of an academy school if the Chief Inspector has given notice that special measures are required to be taken in relation to the academy.

The purpose of this pre-Warning Notice letter is to inform you, as the Directors of the Company, that the Secretary of State is considering whether it would be appropriate to exercise her power of terminating the Academy's Supplemental Funding Agreement made on 28 August 2014 between the Company and the Secretary of State.

Particular concerns are:

1. That, following the Ofsted inspection on 6-7 December 2016, the Chief Inspector is of the opinion that the Academy requires special measures because it is failing to give its pupils an acceptable standard of education and those responsible for

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<sup>1</sup> taken with section 2D of the Academies Act 2010 (and introduced by section 14 of the Education and Adoption Act 2016)

leading, managing or governing the school are not demonstrating the capacity to secure the necessary improvement in the school;

2. That the Ofsted inspection report has highlighted a number of significant concerns relating to outcomes for disadvantaged pupils, pupils who have special educational needs and/or disabilities and boys, and outcomes for pupils in the sixth form.

I require robust evidence that GEP Academies is taking the necessary action required to make progress towards no longer requiring special measures. The actions I have asked you to complete in my letter dated 03 February 2017 will provide this evidence.

Please share your school action plan for improvement and financial recovery plan with me by 24 February 2017. Please copy your response to [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. HERRINGTON', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**DOMINIC HERRINGTON**  
**Regional Schools Commissioner, South East and South London**