

THE ENQUIRE LEARNING TRUST

**DEED OF VARIATION OF FUNDING AGREEMENT
2015**



The Parties to this Deed are:

(1) **The Secretary of State for Education** of Sanctuary Buildings, Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BT (the "**Secretary of State**");

- and -

(2) **The Enquire Learning Trust**, a charitable company incorporated in England and Wales with registered company number 08056907 whose registered address is at Unit 5 - Calder Park, Navigation Court, Wakefield WF2 7BJ (the "**Company**").

together referred to as the "**Parties**".

INTRODUCTION

- A. The Parties have entered into a master funding agreement on 30 May 2013, a copy of which is contained in Schedule 1, (the "**Existing MFA**").
- B. The Parties have entered into a supplementary funding agreement in respect of:
- (a) the Buckingham Primary Academy on 30 May 2014, a copy of which is contained in Schedule 2 (the "**Existing Buckingham Primary Academy SFA**");
 - (b) the Eastfield Primary Academy on 31 July 2013, a copy of which is contained in Schedule 3 (the "**Existing Eastfield Primary Academy SFA**");
 - (c) the Elliston Primary Academy on 26 February 2015, a copy of which is contained in Schedule 4 (the "**Existing Elliston Primary Academy SFA**");
 - (d) the Hardwick Green Primary Academy on 30 May 2013, a copy of which is contained in Schedule 5 (the "**Existing Hardwick Green Primary Academy SFA**");
 - (e) the Harrow Gate Primary Academy on 28 August 2014, a copy of which is contained in Schedule 6 (the "**Existing Harrow Gate Primary Academy SFA**");
 - (f) the Hawthorns Primary Academy on 30 August 2013, a copy of which is contained in Schedule 7 (the "**Existing Hawthorns Primary Academy SFA**");
 - (g) the Humberston Cloverfields Primary Academy on 28 March 2014 which is contained in Schedule 8 as amended by a deed of variation dated 24 March 2015, a copy of which is contained in Schedule 8A (together the "**Existing Humberston Cloverfields Primary Academy SFA**");



- (h) the Keelby Primary Academy on 26 February 2015, a copy of which is contained in Schedule 9 (the "**Existing Keelby Primary Primary Academy SFA**");
- (i) the Laceby Acres Primary Academy on 30 January 2014, a copy of which is contained in Schedule 10 (the "**Existing Laceby Acres Primary Academy SFA**");
- (j) the Lime Tree Primary Academy on 30 April 2014, a copy of which is contained in Schedule 11 (the "**Existing Lime Tree Primary Academy SFA**");
- (k) the Linden Road Primary Academy on 26 February 2015, a copy of which is contained in Schedule 12 (the "**Existing Linden Road Primary Primary Academy SFA**");
- (l) the Manchester Road Primary Academy on 30 September 2014, a copy of which is contained in Schedule 13 (the "**Existing Manchester Road Primary Academy SFA**");
- (m) the Middlethorpe Primary Academy on 04 October 2013, a copy of which is contained in Schedule 14 (the "**Existing Middlethorpe Primary Academy SFA**");
- (n) the Roseberry Primary Academy on 29 September 2014, a copy of which is contained in Schedule 15 (the "**Existing Roseberry Primary Primary Academy SFA**");
- (o) the Southcoates Primary Academy on 30 May 2014, a copy of which is contained in Schedule 16 (the "**Existing Southcoates Primary Academy SFA**"); and
- (p) the Welholme Primary Academy on 27 August 2014, a copy of which is contained in Schedule 17 (the "**Existing Welholme Primary Academy SFA**").

C. The Parties have agreed to amend and re-state the terms of the Existing MFA, the Existing SFAs on the terms set out in this Deed.

LEGAL AGREEMENT

1. Words, expressions and interpretations used in this Deed shall, unless the context expressly requires otherwise, have the meaning given to them in, and shall be interpreted in accordance with, the Amended Master Funding Agreement (as defined in clause 2 below).
2. The Secretary of State and the Company agree that with effect from the date of this Deed, the Existing MFA shall be amended and re-stated in the form of the Master Funding Agreement set out in Schedule 18 (the "**Amended Master Funding Agreement**"). For the avoidance of doubt, the Amended Master Funding Agreement does not terminate or suspend the Existing MFA but amends and re-states it.
3. The Secretary of State and the Company agree that with effect from the date of this Deed:



- (a) the Existing Buckingham Primary Academy SFA shall be amended and re-stated in the form of the Amended Buckingham Primary Academy SFA set out in Schedule 19 (the "**Amended Buckingham Primary Academy SFA**"). For the avoidance of doubt, the Amended Buckingham Primary Academy SFA does not terminate or suspend the Existing Buckingham Primary Academy SFA but amends and re-states it;
- (b) the Existing Eastfield Primary Academy SFA shall be amended and re-stated in the form of the Amended Eastfield Primary Academy SFA set out in Schedule 20 (the "**Amended Eastfield Primary Academy SFA**"). For the avoidance of doubt, the Amended Eastfield Primary Academy SFA does not terminate or suspend the Existing Eastfield Primary Academy SFA but amends and re-states it;
- (c) the Existing Elliston Primary Academy SFA shall be amended and re-stated in the form of the Amended Elliston Primary Academy SFA set out in Schedule 21 (the "**Amended Elliston Primary Academy SFA**"). For the avoidance of doubt, the Amended Elliston Primary Academy SFA does not terminate or suspend the Existing Elliston Primary Academy SFA but amends and re-states it;
- (d) the Existing Hardwick Green Primary Academy SFA shall be amended and re-stated in the form of the Amended Hardwick Green Primary Academy SFA set out in Schedule 22 (the "**Amended Hardwick Green Primary Academy SFA**"). For the avoidance of doubt, the Amended Hardwick Green Primary Academy SFA does not terminate or suspend the Existing Hardwick Green Primary Academy SFA but amends and re-states it;
- (e) the Existing Harrow Gate Primary Academy SFA shall be amended and re-stated in the form of the Amended Harrow Gate Primary Academy SFA set out in Schedule 23 (the "**Amended Harrow Gate Primary Academy SFA**"). For the avoidance of doubt, the Amended Harrow Gate Primary Academy SFA does not terminate or suspend the Existing Harrow Gate Primary Academy SFA but amends and re-states it;
- (f) the Existing Hawthorns Primary Academy SFA shall be amended and re-stated in the form of the Amended Hawthorns Primary Academy SFA set out in Schedule 24 (the "**Amended Hawthorns Primary Academy SFA**"). For the avoidance of doubt, the Amended Hawthorns Primary Academy SFA does not terminate or suspend the Existing Hawthorns Primary Academy SFA but amends and re-states it;
- (g) the Existing Keelby Primary Academy SFA shall be amended and re-stated in the form of the Amended Keelby Primary Academy SFA set out in Schedule 25 (the "**Amended Keelby Primary Academy SFA**"). For the avoidance of doubt, the Amended Keelby



Primary Academy SFA does not terminate or suspend the Existing Keelby Primary Academy SFA but amends and re-states it;

- (h) the Existing Laceby Acres Primary Academy SFA shall be amended and re-stated in the form of the Amended Laceby Acres Primary Academy SFA set out in Schedule 26 (the "**Amended Laceby Acres Primary Academy SFA**"). For the avoidance of doubt, the Amended Laceby Acres Primary Academy SFA does not terminate or suspend the Existing Laceby Acres Primary Academy SFA but amends and re-states it;
- (i) the Existing Lime Tree Primary Academy SFA shall be amended and re-stated in the form of the Amended Lime Tree Acres Primary Academy SFA set out in Schedule 27 (the "**Amended Lime Tree Primary Academy SFA**"). For the avoidance of doubt, the Amended Lime Tree Primary Academy SFA does not terminate or suspend the Existing Lime Tree Primary Academy SFA but amends and re-states it;
- (j) the Existing Linden Road Primary Academy SFA shall be amended and re-stated in the form of the Amended Linden Road Primary Academy SFA set out in Schedule 28 (the "**Amended Linden Road Primary Academy SFA**"). For the avoidance of doubt, the Amended Linden Road Primary Academy SFA does not terminate or suspend the Existing Linden Road Primary Academy SFA but amends and re-states it;
- (k) the Existing Manchester Road Primary Academy SFA shall be amended and re-stated in the form of the Amended Manchester Road Primary Academy SFA set out in Schedule 29 (the "**Amended Manchester Road Primary Academy SFA**"). For the avoidance of doubt, the Amended Manchester Road Primary Academy SFA does not terminate or suspend the Existing Manchester Road Primary Academy SFA but amends and re-states it;
- (l) the Existing Middlethorpe Primary Academy SFA shall be amended and re-stated in the form of the Amended Middlethorpe Primary Academy SFA set out in Schedule 30 (the "**Amended Middlethorpe Primary Academy SFA**"). For the avoidance of doubt, the Amended Middlethorpe Primary Academy SFA does not terminate or suspend the Existing Middlethorpe Primary Academy SFA but amends and re-states it;
- (m) the Existing Roseberry Primary Academy SFA shall be amended and re-stated in the form of the Amended Roseberry Primary Academy SFA set out in Schedule 31 (the "**Amended Roseberry Primary Academy SFA**"). For the avoidance of doubt, the Amended Roseberry Primary Academy SFA does not terminate or suspend the Existing Roseberry Primary Academy SFA but amends and re-states it;



- (n) the Existing Southcoates Primary Academy SFA shall be amended and re-stated in the form of the Amended Southcoates Primary Academy SFA set out in Schedule 32 (the "**Amended Southcoates Primary Academy SFA**"). For the avoidance of doubt, the Amended Southcoates Primary Academy SFA does not terminate or suspend the Existing Southcoates Primary Academy SFA but amends and re-states it;
- (o) the Existing Welholme Primary Academy SFA shall be amended and re-stated in the form of the Amended Welholme Primary Academy SFA set out in Schedule 33 (the "**Amended Welholme Primary Academy SFA**"). For the avoidance of doubt, the Amended Welholme Primary Academy SFA does not terminate or suspend the Existing Welholme Primary Academy SFA but amends and re-states it; and
- (p) the Existing Humberston Cloverfields Primary Academy SFA shall be amended and re-stated in the form of the Amended Humberston Cloverfields Primary Academy SFA set out in Schedule 34 (the "**Amended Humberston Cloverfields Primary Academy SFA**"). For the avoidance of doubt, the Amended Humberston Cloverfields Primary Academy SFA does not terminate or suspend the Existing Humberston Cloverfields Primary Academy SFA but further amends and re-states it.

GOVERNING LAW AND JURISDICTION

- 4. This Deed, and any dispute or claim arising out of or in connection with it, its subject matter or formation (including non-contractual disputes or claims) shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the law of England and Wales.
- 5. The Parties irrevocably agree that the courts of England and Wales shall have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute or claim that arises out of, or in connection with, this deed or its subject matter or formation (including non-contractual disputes or claims).

COUNTERPARTS

- 6. This Deed may be executed in any number of counterparts and by the parties to it on separate counterparts, each of which when so executed and delivered shall be an original, but all the counterparts shall together constitute one and the same instrument.

IN WITNESS whereof this Deed has been executed by the parties hereto and is intended to be and is hereby delivered on the last date listed below.



EXECUTED as a deed by affixing the corporate)
seal of the **Secretary of State for Education**)
authenticated by:-)



Duly authorised by the Secretary of State for Education

Date.....

EXECUTED as a deed by **The Enquire Learning Trust**
acting by:



Director

Print name..... RONNIE WOODS ..

Date..... 24 JULY 2015 ..

Witnessed by.....

Signature

Full name..... MICHAEL WARD ..

Address.....

Occupation.....





Schedule 27

Amended Lime Tree Primary Academy SFA

Inserted overleaf.





Department
for Education

Mainstream academy and free school: supplemental funding agreement

December 2014

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SUMMARY SHEET

Information about the Academy:

Name of Academy Trust	The Enquire Learning Trust
Company number	08056907
Date of Master Funding Agreement	30 May 2013
Name of Academy	Lime Tree Primary Academy
Opening date	01 May 2014
Type of Academy (indicate whether academy or free school)	Mainstream Academy
Religious designation	None
Wholly or partly selective	N/A
Name of predecessor school (where applicable)	Lime Tree Primary School
Capacity number	446 (26 FTE)
Age range	3 to 11
Number of sixth form places	N/A
Number of boarding places	N/A
SEN unit / Resource provision	None
Land arrangements (Version 1-7 or other)	Version 2
Address and title number of Land	Budworth Road, Sale, Cheshire M33 2RP Landlord's Freehold title number MAN65251 Leasehold title number pending registration

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		✓
2.A.1	Clause applies where an academy was previously a VC or foundation school designated with a religious character		✓
2.C, 2.D	Only applies where the academy has an SEN unit		✓
2.E	Only applies where there was a predecessor independent school		✓
2.G	Clause does not apply to free schools (unless there was a predecessor independent school), or new provision academies		✓
2.M	Clause applies only to academies and free schools designated with a religious character		✓
2.N	Clause applies only to academies that were formerly wholly selective grammar schools		✓
2.O	Clause applies only to academies that were formerly partially selective grammar schools		✓
2.T	Clause applies to free schools and new provision academies designated with a religious character		✓
2.W	Clause only applies where the academy is designated with a religious character		✓
2.X	Clause only applies where the academy has not been designated with a religious character	✓	
2.Y	Clause applies where an academy was previously a VC school or foundation school 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'		✓

Clause No.	Descriptor	Applied	Not used
3.A – 3.F	Option 1 applies to converter and sponsored academies: if used delete option 2	✓	
3.A – 3.F	Option 2 applies to free schools and new provision academies: if used delete option 1		✓
3.H	Clause relating to Start-up only applies in some cases (does not apply to academy converters)		✓
3.J	Clause only applies to full sponsored and intermediate sponsored academies with approved Academy Action Plans		✓
3.K	Clause does not apply to free schools (unless there was a predecessor independent school), or new provision academies	✓	
5.G.1	Clause applies only to a boarding academy/free school.		✓
5.I	Clause only applies to sponsored academies		✓
5.K	Clause applies to free schools and may be applied to new provision academies		✓
5.L	Clause applies to free schools and may be applied to new provision academies		✓
5.M	Clause applies to free schools and may be applied to new provision academies		✓
5.N	Clause applies to free schools and may be applied to new provision academies		✓
5.O	Clause applies to free schools and may be applied to new provision academies		✓
6.H	Clause only applies to schools which are designated with a Church of England or Roman Catholic character		✓

Please identify any other variations from the model that apply to this academy (e.g. clauses relating to PFI, or any required because the multi academy trust includes academies designated with different religious characters, or a mixture of those designated with a religious character, and those which are not):

Additional clauses will be supplied by your project lead if needed.

Descriptor	Clause No.	Applied	Not used

1. ESTABLISHING THE ACADEMY

- 1.A This Agreement made between the Secretary of State for Education and The Enquire Learning Trust is supplemental to the master funding agreement made between the same parties and dated _____ 2015 (the “**Master Agreement**”).

Definitions and interpretation

- 1.B Except as expressively 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 the Lime Tree Primary Academy.

“**SEN**” means Special Educational Needs and the expressions “**special educational needs**” and “**special educational provision**” have the meaning set out in sections 20(1) and 21(2) of the Children and Families Act 2014.

“**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 Mainstream 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 01 May 2014.

1.I Not Used.

2. RUNNING OF THE ACADEMY

Teachers and staff

2.A Subject to clause 2.4 of the Master Agreement, 7.A of this Agreement and section 67 of the Children and Families Act 2014, 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 capacity of the Academy is 446 in the age range 3 to 11 which includes a nursery unit of 26 places.

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 UK armed forces or were serving in the UK armed forces, and are 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

3A-3D. Not used.

3.E The Secretary of State will calculate GAG based on the pupil count at the Academy. In order to calculate GAG for the Academy Financial Year in which the Academy opens, the pupil count will be determined on the same basis as that used by the relevant LA for determining the budget of the maintained Predecessor School.

3.F For Academy Financial Years after that referred to in clause 3.E, the basis of the pupil count for determining GAG will be:

- a) 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 pupils in Year 12 and above, the formula which is in use at the time for maintained schools.

3.G The Secretary of State may, at his discretion, adjust the basis of the pupil count to take account of any diseconomies of scale which may affect the Academy if it is operating below the planned capacity in clause 2.B. If such an adjustment is made in any Academy Financial Year, this will not change the basis of the pupil count for calculating the following Academy Financial Year's GAG. If the Secretary of State has indicated that additional grant may be payable in such circumstances, the Academy Trust will bid for this additional grant based on need and providing appropriate supporting evidence. The Secretary of State may accept or refuse the bid at his discretion.

3.H Not Used.

3.I The Secretary of State recognises that if a Termination Notice or a Termination Warning Notice is served, or the Master Agreement is otherwise terminated, 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.J Not Used.

3.K 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.L Any additional grant made in accordance with clause 3.I, 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.I cease to apply or the Academy closes.

4. LAND

"Land" means the land at Budworth Road, Sale, Cheshire M33 2RP, being part of the land registered with title number MAN65251 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 The Academy Trust must:

- a) within 28 days of the signing of this Agreement in circumstances where the Land is transferred to the Academy Trust prior to the date of this Agreement, or otherwise within 28 days of the transfer of the Land to the Academy Trust, apply to the Land Registry using Form RX1 for the following restriction (the "Restriction") to be entered in the proprietorship register for the Land:

No disposition of the registered estate by the proprietor of the registered estate is to be registered without a written consent signed by the Secretary of State for Education, of Sanctuary Buildings, Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BT;

- b) take any further steps reasonably required to ensure that the Restriction is entered on the proprietorship register;
- c) promptly confirm to the Secretary of State when the Restriction has been registered;
- d) if it has not registered the Restriction, permit the Secretary of State to do so in its place; and
- e) not, without the Secretary of State's consent, apply to disapply, modify, cancel or remove the Restriction, whether by itself, a holding company, a subsidiary company, or a receiver, administrator or liquidator acting in the name of the Academy Trust.

Obligations of the Academy Trust

- 4.B 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.

Sharing the Land

- 4.J Where:
- a) the Secretary of State identifies basic or parental need for additional places in the area in which the Academy is situated; and
 - b) the Secretary of State then considers that not all the Land is needed for the operation of the Academy at planned capacity,

the Secretary of State must consult with the Academy Trust to determine whether part of the Land could be demised or sublet to another academy trust, as the Secretary of State considers appropriate, for the purpose of that academy trust establishing and maintaining an educational institution on the Land.

- 4.K To the extent the Academy Trust and the Secretary of State agree to part of the Land being demised or sublet in accordance with clause 4.J, the Academy Trust must use its best endeavours to procure either the approval of the Landlord or any necessary amendments to the Lease in order to enable it to share occupation of the Land with the incoming academy trust, and shall enter into any legal arrangements which the Secretary of State requires for this

purpose. The Secretary of State shall meet the necessary and reasonable costs incurred by the Academy Trust in connection with this clause.

4.L For the purposes of clause 4.J:

- a) a **basic need** will arise when the forecast demand for pupil places in the area where the Academy is situated is greater than the existing capacity to provide them;
- b) a **parental need** will arise when the DfE is actually aware of an additional demand for pupil places in the area where the Academy is situated, following representations from parents in that area; and
- c) **planned capacity** has the meaning given in clause 2.B.

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.

- 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 improvement
- the 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.G.1 Not Used.

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 Not Used.

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 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.

Effect of termination

- 5.Z 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.AA Subject to clauses 5.BB and 5.CC, 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.BB 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.CC 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.AA, 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.DD 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.DD(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.EE The Secretary of State may:

- a) Waive all or part of the repayment due under sub-clause 5.DD(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

2015

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

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and

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Director

Director

or

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Company Secretary

or

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Witness

Name:

Address:

The Corporate Seal of

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EDUCATION

affixed to this deed is authenticated by:

.....

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.

“EHC plan” means an Education, Health and Care plan made under sections 37(2) of the Children and Families Act 2014.

7.A Except as set out in clause 10 below, the Children and Families Act 2014 imposes duties directly on Academies in respect of pupils with special educational needs, including the admission of pupils with EHC plans. If an Academy Trust considers that a LA should not have named the Academy in an EHC plan, 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 to any right of appeal which a parent of the child may have to the First Tier Tribunal (Special Educational Needs and Disability) or the Upper Tribunal Administrative Appeals Chamber.

7.B Not used

7.C Not used

7.D Not used.

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) or the Upper Tribunal Administrative Appeals Chamber.
- 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 finally 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 8.A to 8.H only apply insofar as the relevant provisions of the Children and Families Act 2014 relating to SEN and disability do not apply to Academies and Free Schools.



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