

DEED OF NOVATION AND VARIATION
OF THE
FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR
THE RSA ACADEMY AT TIPTON



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**");

(2) **CENTRAL RSA ACADEMIES TRUST**, a charitable company incorporated in England and Wales with registered company number 08166526 whose registered address is at RSA Academy Arrow Vale, Green Sward Lane, Redditch, Worcs, B98 0EN ("**Central RSA**"); and

(3) **THE RSA ACADEMY AT TIPTON**, a charitable company incorporated in England and Wales with registered company number 06311127 whose registered address is at RSA Academy, Bilston Road, Tipton, West Midlands, DY4 0BZ ("**RSA Tipton**"),

together referred to as the "Parties".

INTRODUCTION

- A. RSA Academy at Tipton is an academy within the meaning of the Academies Act 2010 (the "academy") and is currently operated by RSA Tipton.
- B. The Secretary of State and RSA Tipton entered into a Funding Agreement on 27 February 2008 (the "**Agreement**") for the maintenance and funding of the academy (attached as Schedule 1).
- C. It is proposed that, with effect from 00.01 am on ^{1 October 2017} ~~1 September 2017~~ ("**Transfer Date**"), Central RSA will assume responsibility for the management and operation of the academy in succession to RSA Tipton. 
- D. The Parties wish to novate the Agreement to Central RSA and the Secretary of State and Central RSA wish to vary the terms of the Agreement subject to the provisions of this Deed.

LEGAL AGREEMENT

1. Any word or phrase used in this Deed shall, if that word or phrase is defined in the Agreement, bear the meaning given to it in the Agreement.

NOVATION

2. RSA Tipton transfers all its rights and obligations under the Agreement to Central RSA with effect from the Transfer Date. With effect from the Transfer Date, Central RSA shall enjoy all the rights and

benefits of RSA Tipton under the Agreement and all references to RSA Tipton in the Agreement shall be read and construed as references to Central RSA.

3. The references in the Agreement to the Master Funding Agreement between the Company and the Secretary of State shall be read as a reference to the Master Funding Agreement between Central RSA and the Secretary of State.

4. With effect from the Transfer Date, Central RSA agrees to perform the Agreement and be bound by its terms in every way as if it were the original party to it in place of RSA Tipton.

5. With effect from the Transfer Date, the Secretary of State agrees to perform the Agreement and be bound by its terms in every way as if Central RSA were the original party to it in place of RSA Tipton.

OBLIGATIONS AND LIABILITIES

6. With effect from the Transfer Date, RSA Tipton and the Secretary of State release each other from all future obligations to the other under the Agreement.

7. Each of RSA Tipton and the Secretary of State release and discharge the other from all claims and demands under or in connection with the Agreement arising after the Transfer Date.

8. Each of Central RSA and the Secretary of State will have the right to enforce the Agreement and pursue any claims and demands under the Agreement against the other with respect to matters arising before, on or after the date of this Deed as though Central RSA was the original party to the Agreement instead of RSA Tipton.

INDEMNITY

9. Central RSA agrees to indemnify RSA Tipton against any losses, liabilities, claims, damages or costs RSA Tipton suffers or incurs under or in connection with the Agreement as a result of Central RSA's failure to perform or satisfy its obligations under the Agreement on or after the Transfer Date.

VARIATION

10. The Secretary of State and Central RSA agree that with effect from the Transfer Date the Agreement shall be amended and restated so as to take effect in the form set out in Schedule 2 to this Deed.

11. As varied by this Deed, the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

12. This Deed shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with English law.

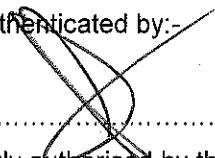
13. The Parties irrevocably agree that the courts of England and Wales shall have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute or claim that arises out of, or in connection with, this deed or its subject matter or formation (including non-contractual disputes or claims).

COUNTERPARTS

14. 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.

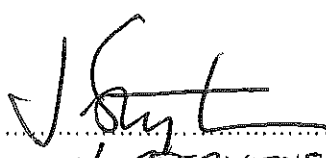
EXECUTED as a deed by affixing the corporate seal
of **THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EDUCATION**
authenticated by:-



.....
Duly authorised by the **SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EDUCATION**
Date 10/9/17.....



EXECUTED as a deed by
CENTRAL RSA acting by one
director in the presence of a witness:

Director 
Print name J. STEPHENSON
Date

Witness *Tracy*
Print name *TRACY HARVEY*
Address. [REDACTED]
Occupation *TEACHER*

EXECUTED as a deed by **RSA**
TIPTON acting by one director in the
presence of a witness:

Director *Rachel Eade*
Print name *RACHEL EADE*
Date *15/9/2017*

Witness *Simon*
Print name *SIMON FOLEY*
Address. [REDACTED]
Occupation *IT MANAGER*

Schedule 1
Funding Agreement

RSA ACADEMY AT TIPTON

FUNDING AGREEMENT

FEBRUARY 2008

**Annex – RSA Academy, Tipton
Sandwell 3
Funding Agreement**

<p>Exemptions in full</p> <p>Annex 1 – Memorandum and Articles of Association - exempt under section 21 of the Act, as this document is available at Companies House. http://www.companieshouse.gov.uk/</p> <p>Partial exemptions [if any] Paragraph 42 and 43 Capital Grant Paragraph 44 (a) and 44(b) Capital Expenditure</p>	
<p>Factors for disclosure of...</p>	<p>Factors for Withholding</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ further to the understanding of and increase participation in the public debate of issues concerning Academies. ▪ to ensure transparency in the accountability of public funds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ DCSFs' commercial interest would be prejudiced – ▪ To reveal financial relationships between the SoS and the Academy Trust and others would prejudice Ads ability to obtain maximum VFM in future agreements.
<p>Reasons why public interest favours withholding information</p> <p>Whilst releasing the majority of the Funding Agreement will further the public understanding of Academies. The whole of the Funding Agreement cannot be revealed. If the sections redacted were to be revealed under the FOI Act, DCSFs' commercial interest would be prejudiced, which could result in the less effective use of public money.</p>	

ACADEMIES

FUNDING AGREEMENT

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INTRODUCTION

- 1) This Agreement is made under section 482 of the Education Act 1996, as substituted by the Education Act 2002, between the Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families and The RSA Academy at Tipton hereafter "the Academy Trust".
- 2) The Academy Trust is a charitable company incorporated in England and Wales, limited by guarantee with registered no 6311127.
- 3) The following expressions used in this Agreement have the respective meanings assigned to them by the numbered clauses of this Agreement referred to immediately after the reference to the expressions -
 - a) "the Academy" - clause 8;
 - b) "the Academy Trust" - clause 1;
 - c) "Accounting Officer" - clause 72;
 - d) "admission arrangements" - clause 4 of Annex 2;
 - e) "annual letter of funding" - clause 66;
 - f) "Capital Expenditure" - clause 39;
 - g) "EAG" - clauses 62-63;
 - h) "Financial Handbook" - clause 73;
 - i) "financial year" - clause 67;
 - j) "GAG" - clauses 53-61;
 - k) "Governing Body" - clause 11
 - l) "the Memorandum and Articles" - Annex 1
 - m) "recurrent expenditure" - clause 38;
 - n) "School Development Plan" - clause 14-16
 - o) "start up period" - clause 59a;
- 4) In this Agreement the following words and expressions shall have the following meanings:-

"LA" means local education authority;

"headteacher" means the Principal of the Academy

references to "school" shall where the context so admits be references to the

Academy.

"Agreement" means this agreement and its Annexes and a reference in the Agreement to a numbered clause or Annex is a reference to the clause or Annex of this Agreement bearing that number.

- 5) The Interpretation Act 1978 shall apply for the interpretation of this Agreement as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.
- 6) Questions arising on the interpretation of the arrangements in this funding agreement shall be resolved by the Secretary of State after consultation with the Academy Trust.
- 7) Section 482 (1) of the Education Act 1996 as substituted states that -

"(1) The Secretary of State may enter into an agreement with any person under which -

- (a) that person undertakes to establish and maintain, and to carry on or provide for the carrying on of, an independent school in England with the characteristics mentioned in subsection (2), and such other characteristics as are specified in the agreement, and
- (b) the Secretary of State agrees to make payments to that person in consideration of those undertakings."

LEGAL AGREEMENT

- 8) In consideration of the Academy Trust undertaking to establish and maintain, and to carry on or provide for the carrying on, of an independent school to be known as The RSA Academy at Tipton ("the Academy") and having such characteristics as are referred to in clauses 9 - 10, the Secretary of State agrees to make payments to the Academy Trust in accordance with the conditions and requirements set out in this Agreement. Any obligations imposed upon or powers given to the Academy by this agreement are also imposed upon the Academy Trust.

CHARACTERISTICS OF AN ACADEMY

- 9) The characteristics of an academy set down in section 482 (2) of the Education Act 1996 as substituted by the Education Act 2002, are that the academy:
 - a) has a broad curriculum with an emphasis on a particular subject area, or particular subject areas, specified in the agreement, and
 - b) provides education for pupils of different abilities and who are wholly or mainly drawn from the area in which the academy is situated.

CONDITIONS OF GRANT

General

10) Section 482(4) of the Education Act 1996 provides for the agreement to specify other conditions and requirements. These conditions in respect of the Academy are that:

- a) the school will be at the heart of its community, sharing facilities with other schools and the wider community;
- b) there will be assessment in the core subjects of the national curriculum at Key Stage 3, and the opportunity to study for external qualifications as defined by section 96 of the Learning and Skills Act 2000;
- c) the admissions policy and arrangements for the school will be in accordance with admissions law, and the DCSF Codes of Practice, as they apply to maintained schools;
- d) teachers will be required to have qualified teacher status; levels of pay and conditions of service for all employees will be the responsibility of the Governing Body;
- e) there will be an emphasis on the needs of the individual pupils including pupils with special educational needs (SEN) both those with and without statements of SEN;
- f) there will be no charge in respect of admission to the school and the school will only charge pupils where the law allows maintained schools to charge.

Governance

11) The Academy will be governed by a governing body ("the Governing Body") who are the directors of the Academy Trust. The Governing Body shall exercise its powers and functions with a view to fulfilling a largely strategic role in the running of the Academy and shall consider any advice given by the headteacher. The Governing Body may exercise its powers and fulfil its functions through its servants or agents.

12) Subject to the Memorandum and Articles, and to this Agreement, the Governing Body may regulate its own procedure and that of any of its committees.

Conduct

13) The Academy shall be conducted in accordance with:

- a) the Memorandum and Articles (attached as Annex 1 to this Agreement) which Memorandum or Articles shall not be amended by the Academy Trust without the explicit consent of the Secretary of State, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld;
- b) all provisions by or under statute which confer rights or impose obligations on Academies;
- c) the terms of this Agreement.

Pupil well-being, Community Cohesion and the Children & Young People Plan

13A) In conducting the Academy and in providing community facilities the Governing Body shall, so far as is reasonably practicable –

- (a) promote the well-being of pupils at the Academy;
- (b) promote community cohesion; and
- (c) have regard to any plan published by the local education authority under section 17 of the Children Act 2004 or (where the authority is not required to publish such a plan) any plan published by the authority setting out their strategy in relation to children and relevant young people.

Development Plan and target setting

14) The Academy shall draw up a School Development Plan each year in accordance with a format and timetable to be advised by the Secretary of State. The School Development Plan shall, in particular:

- a) in accordance with a format and timetable to be advised by the Secretary of State set out plans for ensuring that all pupils are supported to reach the highest standards of which they are capable;
- b) describe the Academy's proposals to work with other schools and with the wider community.

15) The Academy shall set such targets in areas to be specified by the Secretary of State each year. The target areas for the initial year shall be:

- a) percentage of pupils achieving five or more GCSEs at grades A* - C; and
- b) percentage of pupils achieving level 5 or above at Key Stage 3 in English, maths science and ICT;
- c) the average point scores at Key Stage 4 for Approved Qualifications

In this clause "Approved Qualification" means an external qualification at entry level, level 1 or level 2 (as set out in the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority's National Qualifications Framework and determined by the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority) or a GCE AS level, which is approved under section 98 of the Learning and Skills Act 2000 and which is appropriate for pupils of compulsory school age.

16) The Academy shall consult the Secretary of State and the LA in whose area it is situated each year before setting these targets and shall take into account but not be bound by any comments received from the Secretary of State and/or the LA. The Academy shall set its targets in accordance with the timetable for target setting which applies to maintained schools.

Pupils

17) The Academy is an all ability and inclusive school. The arrangements for:

- a) the admission of pupils to the Academy; and
- b) the admission of and support for pupils with Special Educational Needs and with disabilities (for pupils who have and who do not have statements of Special Educational Needs) (including the appointment of a responsible person);

are set out in Annexes 2 and 3 to this Agreement, together with the arrangements for making changes to such arrangements, including the requirement to secure the consent of the Secretary of State, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld. Arrangements for pupil exclusions are set out in Annex 4.

Teachers and other staff

18) The Academy Trust shall not engage anyone under a contract of employment or for services to carry out planning and preparing lessons and courses for pupils, delivering lessons to pupils, assessing the development, progress and attainment of pupils, and reporting on the development, progress and attainment of pupils ("Specified Work") who is not -

- a) a qualified teacher within the meaning of regulations made under section 132 of the Education Act 2002 and registered with full registration with the General Teaching Council for England; or
- b) otherwise eligible to do specified work in a maintained school under the Education (Specified Work and Registration) (England) Regulations 2003 (SI 2003/1663).

It shall be open to the Academy Trust to employ persons (otherwise than to perform Specified Work) with other qualifications and experience.

19) The Governing Body shall ensure that all teachers employed at the Academy have access to the Teachers Pension Scheme and, in so doing, will comply with the statutory provisions underlying the scheme.

20) The Governing Body shall use all reasonable endeavours to provide all employees other than teachers with access to the Local Government Pension Scheme.

21) Reasonable notice shall be given to the Secretary of State of any meeting of the Governing Body of the Academy or any committee or sub-committee thereof (including any interview or appointments panel), at which the appointment of a Principal of the Academy is being considered and a representative of the Secretary of State shall be entitled to attend and speak at any such meeting whether or not they are also entitled to attend such meeting by virtue of clause 109 of this agreement provided always that that person shall withdraw from any such discussions of the Academy Trust's relationship with the Secretary of State. Advice given by any such representative shall be taken into account by those persons considering the appointment of the Principal before a decision is made.

22) It shall be the responsibility of the Governing Body to agree levels of pay and conditions of service with its employees, and to determine and employ such numbers of staff as may be appropriate. The Governing Body shall approve policies for:

- a) staffing structure, and staff remuneration; and
- b) staff discipline and performance management.

Curriculum, curriculum development and delivery and RE and collective worship

23) The curriculum provided by the Academy to pupils up to the age of 16 shall be broad and balanced with an emphasis on health and citizenship. In providing its curriculum, the Academy shall ensure that:

- a) English, Mathematics, Science and Information and Communication Technology are taught to pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9; and
- b) English, Mathematics and Science are taught to pupils in Years 10 and 11;

except that the Academy is not required to teach an individual pupil or groups of pupils in one or more subjects where, in the opinion of the principal, it is inappropriate to do so.

14-19 entitlement

23(A) (1) The Governing Body shall make arrangements to ensure that, so far as reasonably practicable, a pupil at the Academy in the fourth key stage has the same curriculum entitlements as are conferred on such a pupil at a maintained school by section 85A(1) of the Education Act 2002.

(2) The Governing Body shall make arrangements to ensure that, so far as reasonably practicable, a course of study in the core subjects and a course of study in one of the entitlement areas is made available (whether at the Academy or otherwise) to any pupil at the Academy who is above compulsory school age.

(3) Nothing in this clause-

- (a) requires the Academy to incur disproportionate expenditure in making these arrangements;
- (b) confers any greater entitlements on a pupil than are conferred by section 85A(1) of the Education Act 2002 and section 3A of the Learning and Skills Act 2000.

(4) In making arrangements under this clause the Governing Body shall have regard to any guidance issued from time to time by the Secretary of State or the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority.

(5) In this clause "course of study", "core subjects" and "entitlement areas" have

the same meaning as in sections 3A, 3B and 3C respectively of the Learning and Skills Act 2000.

- 24) The Academy shall make provision for the teaching of Religious Education and for a daily act of collective worship.
- 25) Subject to clause 27, provision shall 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, and having regard to the requirements of the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority's national framework for religious education in schools.
- 26) Subject to clause 27, the Academy shall comply with the requirements of 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 the provisions of paragraph 4 of that Schedule do 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, the Secretary of State's consent to such an application not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed.
- 27) Section 71(1) - (4) of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 shall apply as if the Academy were a community, foundation or voluntary school, and as if references to "religious education" and to "religious worship" in that section were references to the religious education and religious worship provided at the Academy in accordance with clauses 25 and 26 respectively.
- 28) The Academy shall have regard to any guidance issued by the Secretary of State on Sex and Relationship Education to ensure that children: (a) are protected from inappropriate teaching materials; and (b) learn about the significance of marriage and civil partnership, and the importance of stable, loving relationships.

Assessment

- 29) The Academy will be notified to the National Assessment Agency (NAA) by the Secretary of State and the Academy shall provide the NAA with such information as the NAA shall require for the purposes of enabling all pupils at the Academy to take part in and report to the NAA and its agencies on Key Stage 3 assessments in English, Maths and Science (and from 2008, ICT) and for teacher assessments of pupil's performance in those subjects. The Academy will submit to monitoring of its assessment arrangements and may choose to be monitored either:

(a) by the Local Authority in whose area the Academy exists, with the consent of that Authority; or

(b) by an Agency accredited by the NAA,

but in either event shall notify the Secretary of State of the basis upon which it has chosen to be monitored, or any change to that choice. The NAA will conduct an annual audit of the monitoring arrangements. The Academy shall comply with

the relevant provisions of the 'Assessment and Reporting Arrangements' as published from time to time by the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority as they apply to maintained schools.

The results of any such assessments shall be reported to the DCSF as required by the Department and set out in the Assessment and Reporting Arrangements from time to time applying.

- 30) The results of any test or assessment conducted in accordance with this clause shall also be reported to the Department and/ or the Local Authority as required and as set out in the Assessment and Reporting arrangements, in a format approved by the Department. The Academy may not offer courses which lead to external qualifications, as defined in section 96 of the Learning and Skills Act 2000, unless they are either approved under section 98 of that Act, or, in respect of individual pupils, groups of pupils or all pupils in Key Stage 4, the Secretary of State gives specific consent for such courses to be offered, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld.

Crisis Management Plan

- 31) Before the Academy opens to pupils it shall have in place a Crisis Management Plan setting out steps to be taken in the event of an emergency situation at the Academy.

School meals

- 32) The Academy shall, if requested to do so by or on behalf of any pupils at the Academy provide school lunches for those pupils unless it would be unreasonable for them to do so. Subject to the provisions of clause 30 charges may be levied for lunches.
- 33) In relation to a pupil who is himself or whose parents are in receipt of benefits mentioned in section 512(3)B of the Education Act 1996 (or equivalent provision governing the entitlement to free school lunches of pupils at maintained schools), the Academy shall ensure that a school lunch is provided for such a pupil, which shall be provided free of charge.

33A) All food and drink provided by or on behalf of the Academy shall comply with legislation governing the provision of food and drink in maintained schools as this applies from time to time. In particular, the Academy shall ensure that school meals (breakfasts, lunches or other meals); and food and drink available on the Academy premises through other outlets such as tuck shops and vending machines comply with the relevant standards set out in regulations.

Charging

- 34) Sections 402 (Obligation to enter pupils for public examinations), 450 - 457 (charges), 459 (regulations about information about charges and school hours) and 460 (voluntary contributions), 461 (recovery of sums as civil debt) - 462 (Interpretation re charges) of the Education Act 1996 shall be deemed to apply to the Academy with the following modifications:

- a) references to any maintained school shall be treated as references to the Academy;
- b) references to registered pupils shall be treated as references to registered pupils at the Academy;
- c) references to the governing body or the local education authority shall, in each case, be treated as references to the governing body of the Academy;
- d) the charging and remissions policies required to be determined under section 457, and any amendment thereto, shall require the approval of the Secretary of State; and
- e) the Academy may charge persons who are not registered pupils at the Academy for education provided or for facilities used by them at the Academy.

Provision of information to parents and others

35) The Academy shall publish a prospectus annually, shall send this on request (free of charge) to parents of pupils at the Academy and to the Secretary of State; and shall make it available for inspection by other persons at the Academy. The prospectus shall include details of admission arrangements and, except insofar as such information is published in a document known as a School Profile (which would accompany the prospectus) the following:

- a) details of the curriculum offered, of assessment arrangements and of the results of attainment tests and public examinations at school level, but this shall not include details of individual pupils' attainment and examination results;
- b) details of any religious affiliation of the school; policy on providing for children with SEN; arrangements for pupils with disabilities (as specified in Annex 3 to this agreement); pupil absence rates; and destination of school leavers; and
- c) such other information as the Governing Body may determine;
- d) any further information as set out in Schedule 3 of the Education (School Information) (England) Regulations 2002 (SI 2002/2897) as applies to maintained schools.

36) The prospectus shall be published in the school year immediately preceding the school year to which it relates and shall be published at least six weeks before the closing date for applying for a place.

GRANTS TO BE PAID BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE

General

37) The Secretary of State shall pay grants under this Agreement towards capital and recurrent expenditure. Except with the Secretary of State's prior agreement, the Academy Trust shall not budget for expenditure in any year in excess of expected income. The Academy Trust shall not enter into commitments which are likely to have substantial implications for future levels of grant, or for the period for which

grant may be required. No decision by the Academy Trust shall commit the Secretary of State to paying any particular amount of grant.

38) "Recurrent expenditure" means any expenditure on the establishment, conduct, administration and maintenance of the Academy which does not fall within the categories of Capital Expenditure set out at clause 39. The Secretary of State shall pay two separate and distinct grants under the Agreement in respect of recurrent expenditure: GAG and EAG. He will also pay a grant, known as Implementation Grant, as defined in clause 48.

CAPITAL GRANT

39) "Capital Expenditure" means expenditure on:

- a) the acquisition of land and buildings;
- b) the erection, enlargement, improvement or demolition of any building including fixed plant, installation, wall, fence or other structure, or any playground or hard standing;
- c) the installation of electrical, mechanical or other services;
- d) the purchase of vehicles and other self-propelled mechanical equipment;
- e) the installation and equipping of premises with furnishings and equipment, other than necessary replacements, repairs and maintenance due to normal wear and tear;
- f) the installation and equipping of premises with computers, networking for computers, operating software and information and communication technology equipment, other than necessary updates or necessary replacements, repairs and maintenance due to normal wear and tear;
- g) the provision and equipping of premises, including playing fields and other facilities for social activities and physical recreation;
- h) works of a permanent character other than the purchase or replacement of minor day-to-day items;
- i) any major repairs or replacements which are specified as constituting capital expenditure in any grant letter relating to them;
- j) such other items (whether of a like or dissimilar nature to any of the foregoing) of a substantial or enduring nature as the Secretary of State may agree shall constitute capital expenditure for the purposes of the Agreement;
- k) all professional fees properly and reasonably incurred in connection with the provision of any of the above;
- l) VAT and other taxes payable on any of the above.

"Capital grant" means grant paid under the Agreement in respect of capital expenditure.

- 40) The Academy Trust has agreed with the Secretary of State the Capital Cost Spreadsheet attached as Annex 5 to the Agreement. The Capital Cost Spreadsheet shows the limit of the capital costs which the parties have agreed the Academy Trust may incur in order to establish the Academy. Annex 5 includes capital costs incurred prior to the execution of the Agreement and capital costs to be incurred after execution of the Agreement and before the Academy opens. The Academy opens on the first day that its pupils attend school at the Academy.
- 41) Annex 6A of the Agreement shows the capital expenditure incurred before execution of the Agreement. The Academy Trust has agreed with the Secretary of State the Capital Cash Flow Programme attached as Annex 6B to the Agreement which shows the projected cashflow of capital expenditure by the Academy Trust after execution of the Agreement.
- 42) Both parties recognise that as the project develops it may be necessary to revise costs in the Capital Cost Spreadsheet (Annex 5) and to move costs between spreadsheet elements in order to ensure that the project remains within its approved budget. Where the Academy Trust wishes to make such adjustments of over _____, it must submit the requested adjustment with the reasons for it to the Secretary of State for approval.
- 43) Where the Academy Trust foresees a significant change in the timing of capital expenditure, that is a change to the figures in Annex 6B of over _____, a revised Capital Cash Flow Programme must be submitted to the Secretary of State for approval. The Academy Trust must ensure that no pattern of spending is allowed to develop which cannot be contained within the approved capital expenditure limits. The Secretary of State must be informed immediately if any danger of any of the capital costs set out in Annex 5 being exceeded is foreseen so that steps can be taken to rectify the situation and ensure that the project remains within its capital cash limit.

Capital Expenditure Necessary to Establish the Academy

- 44) The Secretary of State and the Academy Trust hereby agree that the Academy will be constructed/refurbished in accordance with the architect's drawings and specification on materials set out at Annex 6C of the Agreement and that:
- a) the amount of Capital Expenditure necessary to establish the Academy is _____ ("the Cash Limit"). The Cash Limit includes Capital Expenditure incurred for the purposes of or in connection with the establishment of the Academy prior to the date of this agreement as described in Annexes 6A and 6B;
 - b) the Secretary of State will bear _____ of the Cash Limit and the Academy Trust will bear _____ of the Cash Limit;

- c) the arrangements (including timing) for payments for these costs are set out in clause 47 and Annex 6B of the Agreement. Payment by the Secretary of State will be dependent on his approval of the matters set out in Annex 7 to the Agreement;
- d) if the costs set out in Annex 5 finally incurred for the purposes above are less than the Cash Limit, the costs borne by the Secretary of State shall be reduced accordingly and the Academy Trust shall pay the same amount as indicated in clause 41(b);
- e) if at any stage it appears that the costs incurred for the purposes set out in clause 44(a) are likely to exceed the Cash Limit, the parties to the Agreement shall urgently consider how to reduce those costs, if necessary by amending the specification of the Academy;
- f) if the costs incurred for the purposes set out in clause 44(a) exceed the Cash Limit and the parties have not agreed to meet such excess in accordance with clause 44(g), the additional costs shall be the responsibility of the Academy Trust except that in circumstances where it is agreed that any necessary additional costs could not have been reasonably foreseen at the time the Cash Limit was set, and where the additional costs are agreed with the Secretary of State before the work is undertaken, and provided that clause 44(e) has been complied with the Secretary of State shall contribute in full any agreed necessary additional costs.
- g) if the parties agree that additional Capital Expenditure to establish the Academy, other than that specified in clause 44(a) may be incurred then the parties shall divide such additional costs between them in such proportions as may be agreed between them. No such additional expenditure is to be incurred without prior agreement in writing between the parties.

Other Capital Expenditure

45) Any capital expenditure during the life of this Agreement beyond the cash limit referred to in clause 44(a) on which grant payments are sought from the Secretary of State will require the specific agreement of the Secretary of State. Such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. Unless the Academy Trust undertakes to meet such capital costs entirely itself such approved costs as are incurred will be shared in a proportion to be agreed between the Secretary of State and the Academy Trust in relation to, and having regard to the nature of, each such capital project. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, the proportion contributed by the Secretary of State will not be expected to exceed the proportion mentioned in clause 44(f) save that any capital expenditure required in order to meet the requirements of legislation enacted or made after the date of this Agreement shall be funded at least to the percentage referred to in clause 44(f) by the Secretary of State.

Conditions on Capital Grant

46) Any payment of capital grant under the Agreement is subject to the fulfilment of the following conditions:

- a) such grants are used to provide accommodation constructed and equipped to standards agreed by the Secretary of State as described in Annex 7, or to defray other expenditure approved by the Secretary of State;
- b) the payment of such grants is subject to the Academy Trust certifying and providing evidence that all planning and other consents necessary for the development and all related infrastructure to be completed have been obtained or put in place.

Arrangements for Payment of Capital Grant

47) Capital Grant will be paid by the Secretary of State to the Academy Trust on the basis of claims for grant submitted to the Secretary of State in the notified format with supporting invoices and certificates as reasonably required by the Secretary of State. Capital grant will be paid within 21 days from the day on which a claim for grant is received if the claim is in the proper format, supported by the appropriate documentation and the conditions on its payment set out at clause 46 are complied with. If a dispute arises as to whether a grant claim is acceptable or not both parties undertake to attempt to resolve it in good faith.

Implementation Grant

- 48) The Secretary of State shall pay grant (known as "implementation grant") towards the establishment of the Academy. Implementation grant covers the recurrent expenditure that the parties agree is necessary to establish and open the Academy.
- 49) The Academy Trust shall prepare and submit to the Secretary of State for approval an Implementation Budget showing recurrent costs to be incurred before the Academy opens and for which grant is sought.
- 50) Both parties recognise that as the project develops it may be necessary to revise individual costs in the Implementation Budget and to move costs between budget headings in order to ensure that the project remains within its approved budget. Where the Academy Trust wishes to make such an adjustment of over £10,000, the reason for the change and a revised Implementation Budget must be submitted to the Secretary of State for approval.

Arrangements for Payment of Implementation Grant

- 51) The Secretary of State will pay implementation grant to the Academy Trust on the basis of claims for grant submitted to the Secretary of State in accordance with the approved Implementation Budget and in the notified format with supporting invoices, receipts and documents as required by the Secretary of State. If the grant claim is acceptable the Secretary of State undertakes to pay the amount due within 21 days from the day on which it was received. If a dispute arises over whether a grant claim or part of it is acceptable, both parties undertake to attempt to resolve the dispute in good faith.
- 52) Any amount of approved implementation grant in respect of which the expenditure has not been incurred by the Academy Trust, by the date on which the Academy opens, will lapse and no implementation grant will be payable in respect of that part of the approved implementation budget. Any amount of implementation grant which has been paid but remains unexpended on relevant expenditure by the date on which the Academy opens will, without prejudice to any other mode of recovery, be taken into account in determining the total amount of grant to be paid to the Academy after it has opened. Any amount of implementation grant which is found to have been used on ineligible expenditure will, without prejudice to any other mode of recovery, be taken into account in determining the total amount of grant to be paid to the Academy.

General Annual Grant

- 53) General Annual Grant will be paid by the Secretary of State to the Academy Trust in order to cover normal running costs of the Academy. These costs will include, but are not limited to:
- a) teachers' salaries and related costs (including full and part time teaching staff and seconded teachers);

- b) non-teaching staff salaries and related costs (including educational support staff, administrative and clerical staff and manual and premises related staff);
- c) employees' expenses;
- d) the purchase, maintenance, repair and replacement of teaching and learning materials and other educational equipment including books, stationery, ICT equipment and software, sports and laboratory equipment and materials, other supplies and services;
- e) examination fees;
- f) repairs, servicing and maintenance of buildings (including redecoration, heating, plumbing, lighting etc); maintenance of grounds (including boundary fences and walls); cleaning materials and contract cleaning; water and sewage; fuel and light (including fuel oil, solid and other fuel, electricity and gas); rents; rates; purchase, maintenance, repairs and replacement of furniture and fittings;
- g) insurance;
- h) medical equipment and supplies;
- i) staff development (including in-service training);
- j) curriculum development;
- k) the costs of providing school meals for pupils (including the cost of providing free school meals to pupils who are eligible to receive them) and discretionary grants to pupils to meet the cost of pupil support, including support for pupils with special educational needs or disabilities (taking account of the fact that separate additional money will be available for pupils with statements of special educational needs);
- l) administration;
- m) establishment expenses and other institutional costs.

54) Subject to clauses 58 to 60, GAG for each financial year of the Academy Trust will be the total of the following areas of funding:

- a) Formula Funding: Funding comparable to the level of funding which would be provided through the funding formula of the LA in whose area the Academy is situated, to a maintained school which had all of the Academy's relevant characteristics, including its number of pupils;
- b) Local Authority Central Spend Equivalent: Funding representing a proportion of the LA Education Budget money which the LA would be able to retain, from the non-delegated elements of the Schools Block and the relevant items in the LA Block, if the Academy were a maintained school. The proportion which

this funding will represent will be based on the elements of the LA's Section 52 Budget Return which are relevant to the Academy.

- c) Specialist Schools Allowance: Funding equivalent to that which a maintained school with the Academy's characteristics would receive in respect of their participation in the specialist schools programme;

55) The GAG for the Academy will also include, subject to the Secretary of State's agreement and on an equivalent basis to maintained schools where appropriate and for as long as they are deemed necessary by the Secretary of State, funding for matters for which it is necessary for the Academy to incur extra costs.

56) The basis of the pupil number count for the purposes of determining GAG will initially be the Governing Body's estimate each November for numbers on roll in the following September. However, the basis of the pupil number count will be the Schools Census for the January preceding the academic year in question (preceding September Pupil Count or autumn term Schools Census for pupils in Year 12 and above), once the following conditions have been satisfied for the academic year for which funding is being calculated;

a) all planned year-groups will be present (that is, all the pupil cohorts relevant to the age-range of the academy will have some pupils present); and

b) the total number of pupils as measured in the Schools Census for the preceding January is 90% or more of the planned final size of the Academy, that is 1,100 pupils.

and this basis will continue in all subsequent years.

57) For any academic year in which GAG has been based on the Governing Body's estimate, an adjustment will be made to the following year's formula funding element of GAG to recognise any variation from that estimate greater than 2.5%, the additional or clawed-back grant being only that amount relevant to the number of pupils beyond the 2.5% variation. For any academic year in which GAG is based on the Schools Census (or the September Pupil Count for sixth form pupils), no adjustment will be made to the formula funding element for actual pupil numbers which are below those used to calculate GAG. Neither will an adjustment normally be made to the formula funding element for actual pupil numbers higher than those used; but an adjustment may be made by the Secretary of State if the Academy Trust demonstrates that there has been a significant impact on costs (e.g. an extra class had been added). 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.

58) The Secretary of State recognises that:

- a) in relation to academies which open with intakes representing only a proportion of the final planned size of the Academy, payments based simply upon the number of pupils present are unlikely to be sufficient to meet the Academy's needs in the years before all age groups are present at their planned size (the "start-up period") because of a lack of economies of scale. The Secretary of State undertakes to pay an appropriately larger GAG in the start-up period than would be justified solely on the basis of the methods set out in clauses 54 and 55, in order to enable the Academy to operate effectively. The Academy Trust will make a bid to the Secretary of State for this addition to GAG, based upon need and providing appropriate supporting evidence;
- b) in relation to academies which open with pupils transferred from one or more LA-maintained schools which have closed, additional GAG resources will be required to take account of transitional costs including any costs associated with supporting the integration of pupils from the closed schools and - where necessary - to offer a dual curriculum.

59) During the start-up period or during the period when year groups are present who have transferred from a predecessor school or schools, the Secretary of State will pay a further element of GAG additional to that calculated in accordance with the methods set out in clauses 54 and 55 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;
- b) meet the costs associated with the recruitment and induction of additional teaching and other staff.

After the start-up period these costs will be met through the ordinary GAG.

60) The Secretary of State recognises that if he serves notice of intention to terminate this Agreement under clause 92 the intake of new pupils during the 7 year notice period is likely to decline and that in such circumstances payments based simply upon the number of pupils attending the Academy are unlikely to be sufficient to meet the Academy Trust's needs during the notice period. The Secretary of State undertakes to pay a reasonable and appropriately larger GAG in the notice period than would be justified solely on the basis of the methods set out in clauses 54 and 55, in order to enable the Academy to operate effectively.

Earmarked Annual Grant

61) Earmarked Annual Grant shall be paid by the Secretary of State to the Academy Trust in respect of either recurrent or capital expenditure for such specific purposes as may from time to time be agreed between the Secretary of State and the Academy Trust and as described in the relevant funding letter. The Academy is free to determine how best to use each of its EAGs within the scope, terms and conditions of the grant set out in the relevant funding letter.

62) Where the Academy Trust is seeking a specific EAG in relation to any financial year, it shall submit a letter outlining its proposals and the reasons for its request to the Academies Division, Sanctuary Buildings, Great Smith Street, London SW1P3BT, by 15th February preceding the financial year in question.

Arrangements for Payment of GAG and EAG

63) The Secretary of State shall notify the Academy Trust in December preceding the start of each financial year of the GAG and EAG figures which, subject to Parliamentary approval, the Secretary of State plans for that year and of the assumptions and figures on which these are based.

64) If an error in the calculation of GAG or EAG occurs for any year, whether in the calculation or because of erroneous data supplied to the Secretary of State, the Secretary of State reserves the right to correct the calculation and, if appropriate, amend the baseline calculations for GAG in subsequent years. If an underpayment or overpayment has occurred as a consequence of the error, the Secretary of State will, acting reasonably, consider paying additional grant, and reserves the right to recover overpaid grant, as appropriate, having considered all the relevant circumstances.

65) The amount of GAG for an Academy Trust's financial year will be determined annually by the Secretary of State. The amount of GAG will be notified to the Academy Trust in a funding letter not later than 1 April preceding that financial year ("the annual letter of funding"). The annual letter for funding will not include the amount that the Academy Trust will receive in respect of grants for which information to enable timely calculation is not available or is incomplete. Such grants will be notified as soon as practicable later in the year. Amounts of EAG will be notified to the Academy Trust wherever possible in the annual letter of funding or as soon as practicable thereafter.

66) For the purposes of this Agreement, the Academy Trust's financial year shall be deemed to run from September to August, in order to align it to the school academic year. The Secretary of State undertakes to pay GAG in monthly instalments on or before the twenty fifth day of each month, each such instalment to fund the salaries and other payroll costs for the relevant month of all monthly paid employees and all other costs payable during the next following month. The detailed arrangements for payment will be set out in the annual letter of funding.

Other relevant funding

67) The Secretary of State shall meet a proportion of the 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 the employee's prior eligible service and the Academy Trust shall meet the costs of service in the Academy. The Academy shall seek the Secretary of State's consent for these redundancies, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, before committing to the redundancies.

- 68) The Secretary of State may meet costs incurred by the Academy Trust in connection with the transfer of employees from a predecessor school under the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 1981. Payment of grant in respect of such costs is to be agreed between the parties on a case by case basis and the Academy Trust shall not budget on the basis that it will receive any grant in respect of such costs unless it is specifically notified that such grant will be paid.
- 69) The Academy Trust may also receive funding from LAs in respect of the provision detailed in statements of special educational needs for pupils attending the Academy in accordance with the provisions of Section 483A of the Education Act 1996 and regulations made under that section. The Academy shall ensure that all provision detailed in statements of SEN is provided for such pupils.
- 70) The Academy Trust should also receive funding from the LA in whose area it is located, from the Standards Fund. The scheme under which the Standards Fund money is to be distributed by the Secretary of State to LAs and schools will permit LAs to receive grants on behalf of Academies in the same way as they can do for maintained schools. The Academy must use any grants received under the Standards Fund in accordance with any conditions specified in relation to that grant. Grants paid to the Academy Trust from the Standards Fund are not paid under this Agreement.

Financial and Accounting Requirements

- 71) The headteacher shall be the Academy's Accounting Officer. The Accounting Officer will be personally responsible to the Trustees for ensuring regularity and propriety, and for the economic, efficient and effective use of resources (i.e. ensuring value for money), and administration of the financial affairs of the Academy. The Accounting Officer may delegate or appoint others, such as a Finance Director, to assist in carrying out these responsibilities.
- 72) The Academy shall abide by the provisions within the Academies Financial Handbook, as published by the Department for Education and Skills and amended from time to time, which sets out in detail provisions for the financial management of the Academy including guidance on financial systems and controls and accounting and reporting requirements.
- 73) The formal budget should take in to account items in the School Development Plan requiring expenditure and must be approved each year by the Governing Body.
- 74) Any payment of grant by the Secretary of State is subject to his being satisfied as to the fulfilment by the Academy Trust of the following conditions:
- a) that in its conduct and operation the Academy Trust shall apply financial and other controls which conform with the requirements both of propriety and of good financial management;
 - b) that arrangements have been made to maintain proper accounting records

and that statements of income and expenditure and balance sheets are produced in such form and frequency as the Secretary of State may from time to time reasonably direct;

- c) that such financial statements are published at the end of each financial year (as defined in clause 66) in such form and manner as the Secretary of State may reasonably direct and a copy sent to him by 31 December each year. These should carry an audit report stating that, in the opinion of the auditors, the statements show a true and fair view of the Academy Trust's affairs and that the grants were used for the purposes intended;
- d) that the Academy Trust prepares and files with the Companies Registry such annual accounts as are required by the Companies Act 1985;
- e) that a statement of the accounting policies used is sent to the Secretary of State with the financial statements;
- f) that the Academy Trust insures or procures insurance by another person of its assets in accordance with normal commercial practice or under the terms of any subsisting leases in respect of the leasehold interest of the site upon which the Academy is situated;
- g) (i) that the Academy Trust prepares and files with the Charity Commission annual accounts prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice;

(ii) the governing body shall comply with their obligation under the Charities Act 1993 (or any statutory re-enactment or modification of that Act) with regard to the preparation of an annual report and its transmission to the Charity Commissioners;
- h) The Governing Body shall secure that the Academy Trust's accounts are audited annually by independent auditors appointed under arrangements approved by the Secretary of State.

75) In addition, and at his expense, the Secretary of State may instruct auditors to report to him on the adequacy and effectiveness of the accounting systems and internal controls to standards determined by the Secretary of State and to make recommendations for improving the financial management of the Academy Trust.

76) The books and accounts and all relevant records, files and reports of the Academy Trust including those relating to financial controls, shall be open at all reasonable times to officials of the Department for Children, Schools and Families and the National Audit Office and to contractors retained by the Department for Education and Skills or the National Audit Office for inspection or the carrying out of value for money studies; and the Academy Trust shall secure that those officials and contractors are given reasonable assistance with their enquiries. For the purposes of this clause, relevant means in any way relevant to the provision and use of grants provided by the Secretary of State under this Agreement.

77) The Governing Body shall submit indicative budgets to the Secretary of State not later than by 15 February before the start of each Academy financial year. Such budgets shall set out clearly the prospective income and expenditure of the Academy and shall differentiate, and give adequate details of:

- a) a statement of expected income for that year including cash donations and gifts in kind from sources other than GAG, EAG and grants from the Secretary of State towards capital and revenue expenditure, distinguishing between income from public funds including the national lottery and income from other sources;
- b) a statement of proposed recurrent expenditure for that financial year;
- c) a statement of proposed capital expenditure for that financial year.

78) At the beginning of any year the Academy Trust may hold unspent GAG from previous years amounting to 12% of the total GAG payable in the year just ended or such higher amount figure as may from time to time be agreed. This carried forward amount may be used as follows:

- a) equivalent to 2% of the total GAG payable in the year just ended, may be used for any of the purposes for which GAG is paid;
- (b) equivalent to 12% of the total GAG payable in the year just ended, or such higher amount figure as may from time to time be agreed, minus any amount used under clause (a), may be used on the upkeep and improvement of premises, including the cost of equipment and routine repairs and maintenance, and on capital expenditure.

Any grant paid in accordance with clause 60 may be carried forward without limitation or deduction to the end of the start up period or until the circumstances referred to in clause 60 come to an end.

79) Any savings of GAG not allowed under clause 78 will be taken into account in the payment of subsequent grant.

80) The Academy Trust may also accumulate funds from private sources or public sources other than grant from the Secretary of State for application to the benefit of the Academy Trust as it sees fit. Any surplus arising from private sources or public sources other than grant from the Secretary of State shall be separately identified in the balance sheet.

81) The Academy Trust shall not, without the prior written consent of the Secretary of State which shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed:

- a) give any guarantees, indemnities (except such as are given in normal contractual relations) or letters of comfort;
- b) write off any debts or liabilities owed to it above a value to be set out in the annual funding letter, nor offer or make any ex gratia payments;

c) make any freehold sale or purchase; or

d) grant or take up any leasehold or tenancy agreement for a term exceeding three years.

82) Each discovered loss of an amount exceeding the amount set out in the annual letter of funding, and arising from suspected theft or fraud, shall be reported by the Governing Body to the Secretary of State at the earliest opportunity.

83) It is the responsibility of the Governing Body to ensure that the Academy Trust balances its budget from year to year.

Borrowing Powers

84) The Academy Trust shall not operate an overdraft except to cover irregularities in cash flow. Such an overdraft, and the maximum amount to be borrowed, shall require approval by the Academy Trust in General Meeting and in writing by the Department, such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed, and shall be subject to any conditions which the Department may reasonably impose.

DISPOSAL OF ASSETS

85) Where the Academy Trust acquires assets for a nil consideration or at an under value it shall be treated for the purpose of this Agreement as having incurred expenditure equal to the market value of those assets at the time that they were acquired. This provision shall not apply to assets transferred at nil or nominal consideration and which were previously used for the purposes of a school or where transferred from an LA; the value of which assets shall be disregarded.

86) The sale, or disposal by other means, or reinvestment of proceeds from the disposal, of a capital asset by an Academy Trust shall require the consent of the Secretary of State where:

- a) the Secretary of State paid capital grant in excess of £20,000 for the asset; or
- b) the asset was transferred to the Academy Trust from a Local Education Authority for no or nominal consideration

such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed. Furthermore, reinvestment exceeding £1m or with other special features will be subject to Parliamentary approval.

87) This clause applies in the event, during the lifetime of this Agreement, of the disposal of a capital asset for which capital grant of any amount was paid, where the asset was acquired by the Academy Trust. In this event, the Academy Trust shall repay to the Secretary of State the same proportion of the proceeds of the disposal as equates with the proportion of the original cost met by the Secretary of State, unless the Secretary of State agrees to some or all of the proceeds being retained by the Academy Trust for its charitable purposes.

88) This clause applies in the event, during the lifetime of this Agreement, that the Secretary of State consents to the disposal of an asset which was transferred to the Academy Trust from a Local Education Authority for no or nominal consideration. In this event the Secretary of State may give consent on the basis that all or part of the proceeds of the disposal should be made over to the Local Education Authority from which the asset was transferred, taking into account the amount of the proceeds to be reinvested by the Academy Trust. The Secretary of State will have regard to any representations from the Academy Trust and the Local Education Authority from which the asset was transferred before giving a consent under this clause.

89) Except with the consent of the Secretary of State, the Academy Trust shall not dispose of assets for a consideration less than the best that can reasonably be

obtained.

TERMINATION

- 90) Subject to prior termination of this Agreement under clauses 92 - 98, the Secretary of State shall continue payments in respect of current expenditure for a period of not less than seven years.
- 91) Either party may give seven years written notice of its intention to terminate this Agreement, such notice to expire on 31 August in any year.
- 92) If the Secretary of State is of the opinion that the Academy no longer has the characteristics set out in clause 9 or that the conditions and requirements set out in clauses 10 - 36 are not being met, or is otherwise in breach of the provisions of this Agreement, the Secretary of State may give notice of his provisional intention to terminate this Agreement.
- 93) Any such notice shall be in writing and shall:
- a) state the grounds on which he considers the Academy no longer has the characteristics set out in clause 9 or is not meeting the conditions and requirements of clauses 10 - 36 or is otherwise in breach of the provisions of this Agreement;
 - b) specify the measures needed to remedy the situation;
 - c) specify the date by which these measures are to be implemented; and
 - d) state the form in which the Governing Body is to provide its response and the date by which it must be provided.
- 94) If no response is received by the date specified in clause 93d, the Secretary of State may give the Governing Body 12 months, or such lesser period as he considers appropriate acting reasonably in the circumstances, written notice of his intention to terminate this Agreement.
- 95) If a response is received by the date specified in clause 93d, the Secretary of State shall consider it, and any representations made by the Governing Body, and shall, within 3 months of its receipt, indicate that:
- a) he is content with the response and that the measures which he specified are being implemented; or
 - b) he is content, subject to any further measures he specifies being implemented by a specified date or any evidence he requires that implementation of such measures have been successfully completed; or
 - c) he is not satisfied, that he does not believe that he can be satisfied, and that he will proceed to terminate the Agreement.
- 96) In the circumstances of clause 95c the Secretary of State shall notify the Governing Body why he believes that he cannot be satisfied and, if so requested

by the Governing Body within thirty days from such notification, he shall meet a deputation from the members and Governing Body of the Academy to discuss his concerns. If following such meeting he has good reasons for remaining satisfied that the Academy does not and will not have the characteristics set out in clause 9 or does not and will not meet the conditions and requirements set out in clauses 10 - 36 or does not and will not otherwise comply with the provisions of this Agreement, he shall give the Governing Body twelve months' written notice of his termination of this Agreement.

97) If the Secretary of State has cause to serve a notice on the Governing Body under s.165 of the Education Act 2002 and the matters specified in the notice are not remedied, the period of twelve months notice referred to in clause 94 may be shortened to a period deemed appropriate by the Secretary of State.

98) The Secretary of State may at any time by notice in writing terminate this Agreement forthwith on the occurrence of any of the following events:-

- a) the Academy Trust calls a meeting of its creditors (whether formal or informal) or enters into any composition or arrangement (whether formal or informal) with its creditors; or
- b) the Academy Trust proposes a voluntary arrangement within Section 1 of the Insolvency Act 1986; or
- c) the Academy Trust is unable to pay its debts within the meaning of Section 123 of the Insolvency Act 1986 provided that, for the purposes of this Clause, Section 123 (1)(a) of the Insolvency Act 1986 shall have effect as if the amount of £10,000 was substituted for £750. The Academy Trust shall not be deemed unable to pay its debts for the purposes of this clause if any such demand as is mentioned in the said Section is being contested in good faith by the Academy; or
- d) the Academy Trust has a receiver (and manager with the exception of Receivers and Managers appointed by the Charity Commission under the Charities Act 1993 or any subsequent re-enactment of that Act), administrator or administrative receiver appointed over all or any part of its undertakings, assets or income; or
- e) any distraint, execution or other process is levied or enforced on any of the Academy Trust's property and is not paid out, withdrawn or discharged within fifteen Business Days; or
- f) the Academy Trust has passed a resolution for its winding up; or
- g) the Academy Trust has a petition presented to any Court for its winding up or for an administration order; or
- h) the Academy has ceased to operate as a Academy (except where such cessation occurs temporarily by reason of an event of Force Majeure);
- i) both: ia) following an inspection of the Academy under Chapter 1 of Part 1 of

the Education Act 2005, the Chief Inspector has provided a notice to the Secretary of State under subsection 13 (3)(a) of the Education Act 2005 specifying that the case falls within subsection 1(a) of that section ("*school requiring special measures*") (a Special Measures Notice) ; and

ib) not less than 12 months after the provision of any Special Measures Notice provided in respect of the Academy, a subsequent inspection of the Academy has been made under Part 1 of the Education Act 2005 whilst the Special Measures Notice still applies and the person making the subsequent inspection has made a report stating that in his opinion the Academy has made insufficient progress since the last inspection, or has otherwise failed to improve to the extent required by the person making the inspection.

"Business Days" in this clause, means any day other than a Saturday, a Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday or a day which is a bank holiday within the meaning of the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971.

Effect of Termination

99) In the event of termination of this Agreement, however occurring, the school shall cease to be an academy.

100) If the Secretary of State terminates this Agreement for reasons other than that the Academy no longer has the characteristics set out in clause 9, or is no longer meeting the conditions and requirements set out in clauses 10 - 36 or is otherwise in breach of the provisions of this Agreement, the Secretary of State shall indemnify the Academy Trust.

101) The amount of any such indemnity shall be determined by the Secretary of State acting reasonably having regard to any representations made to him by the Academy Trust, and shall be paid at such times and in such manner as the Secretary of State acting reasonably may reasonably think fit.

102) The amounts and categories of expenditure incurred by the Academy Trust in consequence of the termination of the Agreement in respect of which the Secretary of State shall indemnify the Academy Trust include (but not by way of limitation), staff compensation and redundancy payments, compensation payments in respect of broken contracts, expenses of disposing of assets or adapting them for other purposes, legal and other professional fees, and dissolution expenses.

103) In the event of the termination of this Agreement however occurring the Secretary of State shall procure that his nominee shall resign as a member of the Academy Trust and shall co-operate in making any associated amendments to the Academy Trust Memorandum and Articles.

104) Subject to clause 105, on the termination of this Agreement, however occurring, the Academy Trust shall repay to the Secretary of State a sum in respect of the capital contribution made by him under clauses 44-45 above. The amount to be repaid to the Secretary of State shall be a percentage of the value of the assets belonging to the Academy Trust at the date of termination (or by

agreement with the Secretary of State) at the date of subsequent disposal of those assets, such percentage to be the same as the percentage of the capital contribution made by the Secretary of State to the original value of those assets, whether that contribution was made on the establishment of the Academy or later.

- 105) The Secretary of State may waive in whole or in part the repayment due under the above clause if:
- a) The Academy Trust is unable to realise the market value of land or premises because they are returned to the Local Education Authority at less than market value; or
 - b) The Academy Trust obtains his permission to invest the proceeds of sale for its charitable objects; or
 - c) The Secretary of State directs all or part of the repayment to be paid to the Local Education Authority.
- 106) If any land or premises of the Academy were acquired from a Local Education Authority by a scheme under Schedule 35A of the Education Act 1996 or otherwise at less than the market price, and the Secretary of State does not make a scheme as provided for in Schedule 35A (Paragraph 8) of the Education Act 1996, the Academy Trust may dispose of its interest in that land or premises but only with the consent of the Secretary of State, who shall have regard to any representations from the Academy Trust and the Local Education Authority from which the land was transferred before giving or withholding that consent.

GENERAL

- 107) Without prejudice to any other provision of this Agreement, the Secretary of State acting reasonably may from time to time call for information on, inter alia, the Academy's:
- a) curriculum;
 - b) arrangements for the assessment of pupils;
 - c) targets, including those set in accordance with the provisions of clause 14;
 - d) teaching staff including numbers, qualifications, experience, salaries, and teaching loads;
 - e) class sizes;
 - f) outreach work with other schools and the local community;
 - g) operation of the admission criteria and over subscription arrangements for the Academy including numbers of applications for places and the number and characteristics of pupils accepted for admission;
 - h) numbers of pupils excluded (including permanent and fixed term exclusions);

- i) levels of authorised and unauthorised attendance;
 - j) the Academy's charging and remissions policies and the operation of those policies;
 - k) organisation, operation and building management;
 - l) financial controls; and
 - m) membership and proceedings of the governing body.
- 108) The Governing Body shall make such information available to the Secretary of State, in such form and manner and at such times as may reasonably be required. The Secretary of State shall provide the Governing Body with such information as they may reasonably require of him for the running of the Academy.

Access by the Secretary of State's Officers

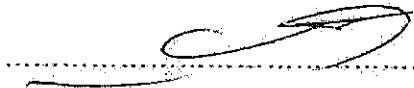
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- 110) The Academy Trust shall ensure that:
- i) the agenda for every meeting of the Governing Body;
 - ii) the draft minutes of every such meeting, if they have been approved by the person acting as chairman of that meeting;
 - iii) the signed minutes of every such meeting; and
 - iv) any report, document or other paper considered at any such meeting, are made available for inspection at the Academy and, as soon as is reasonably practicable, sent to the DCSF.
- 111) There may be excluded from any item required to be made available and sent to the DCSF by virtue of clause 110, any material relating to:
- a) a named teacher or other person employed, or proposed to be employed, at the Academy;
 - b) a named pupil at, or candidate for admission to, the Academy; and
 - c) any matter which, by reason of its nature, the Governing Body are satisfied should remain confidential.

Notices

- 112) Any notice or other communication concerning this Agreement shall be sent, in the case of a notice or communication from the Secretary of State to the Governing Body at The RSA Academy at Tipton, c/o Stone King LLP, 28 Ely Place, London EC1N 6TD or such other addressee/address as may be notified in writing from time to time by the Academy and, in the case of a notice or communication from the Academy to the Secretary of State to Head of Academies Division, Department for Children, Schools and Families, Sanctuary Buildings, Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BT; or such other address as may be notified from time to time by the Secretary of State and where any such notice or communication is sent by post, unless the contrary is proved, it shall be deemed, subject to satisfactory proof of posting, to be effected at the time at which the letter would be received in the ordinary course of post.
- 113) This Agreement may be amended in writing at any time by agreement between the Secretary of State and the Academy Trust.
- 114) The service by the Secretary of State of a notice of termination under any clause of this Agreement shall not prejudice the ability of the Academy (if it wishes to do so) during the notice period to admit pupils in accordance with the provisions of clause 17 and Annex 2 to this Agreement and to receive GAG and EAG in respect of them.
- 115) The Secretary of State and the Academy Trust recognise the difficulties in catering in this Agreement for all the circumstances which may arise in relation to the Academy and undertake in good faith to conduct such consultations as may from time to time be desirable in order to promote the interests of the Academy throughout the period of this Agreement.

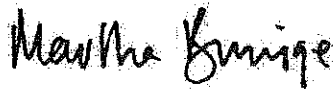
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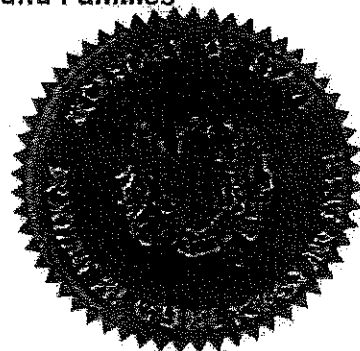
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Authorised by the Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families



Schedule 2
Supplemental Funding Agreement



Department
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The RSA Academy at Tipton: supplemental funding agreement

April 2016 version

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SUMMARY SHEET

Information about the Academy:

Name of Academy Trust	Central RSA Academies Trust
Company number	08166526
Date of Master Funding Agreement	29 February 2016
Name of academy	RSA Academy Tipton
Opening date	1 September 2008
Type of academy (indicate whether academy or free school)	Academy
Religious designation	Not applicable
Wholly or partly selective	Not applicable
Name of predecessor school (where applicable)	Willingsworth High School
Capacity number	1400
Age range	11-18
Number of sixth form places	200
Number of boarding places	Not applicable
SEN unit / Resource provision	Not applicable
Land arrangements (Version 1-7 or other)	Version 2
Address and title number of Land	Bilston Road, Tipton, West Midlands, DY4 0BZ WM884735 and WM934701

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

Clause No.	Descriptor	Applied	Not used
1.1	Only applies to free schools and new provision academies		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 designated with a religious character		X
2.Yc)	Sub-clause applies if the academy is designated with a denominational religious character – CE etc. rather than 'Christian'		X

Clause No.	Descriptor	Applied	Not used
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.H	Clause relating to Start-up only applies in some cases (does not apply to academy converters)		X
3.J	Clause only applies to full sponsored and intermediate sponsored academies with approved Academy Action Plans	X	
3.K	Clause does not apply to free schools (unless there was a predecessor independent school), or new provision academies		X
5.G.1	Clause applies only to a boarding academy/free school.		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
5.N	Clause applies to free schools and may be applied to new provision academies		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

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 Central RSA Academies Trust is supplemental to the master funding agreement made between the same parties and dated 29 February 2016 (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 the The RSA Academy at Tipton.

"**Coasting**" has the meaning given by regulations under subsection (3) of section 60B of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 in relation to a school to which that section applies.

"**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 opened on 1 September 2008.
- 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 planned capacity of the Academy is 1400 in the age range 11-18, including a sixth form of 200 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 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 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 may at his discretion agree to 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 may agree to 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 Secretary of State's financial assistance in this respect will only be available in the first two years after the Academy opens.
- 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

Version 2: existing leasehold site

“**Land**” means the land at Bilston Road, Tipton, West Midlands, DY4 0BZ, being the land registered with title numbers WM884735 and WM934701 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,

- 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 to provide the incoming Academy Trust with security of tenure over the Land occupied by it, 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; or
- e) the Academy is coasting provided he has notified the Academy Trust that it is coasting.

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 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 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 on 31 August before the Critical 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 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.

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 8 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.G 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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