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# **Alternative provision academy and free school: supplemental funding agreement**

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## **SUMMARY SHEET**

**Information about the Academy:**

<b>Name of Academy Trust</b>	
<b>Company number</b>	
<b>Date of Master Funding Agreement</b>	
<b>Name of academy</b>	
<b>Opening date</b>	
<b>Type of academy (indicate whether academy or free school)</b>	
<b>Name of predecessor school (where applicable)</b>	
<b>Capacity number</b>	
<b>Age range</b>	
<b>Number of sixth form places</b>	
<b>Number of boarding places</b>	
<b>SEN unit / Resource provision</b>	
<b>Land arrangements (Version 1-8 or other)</b>	
<b>Address and title number of Land</b>	

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

Clause No.	Descriptor	Applied	Not used
1.I	Only applies to free schools and new provision academies		
2.D, 2.E	Only applies where the academy has an SEN unit		
2.F	Only applies where there was a predecessor independent school		
2.I	Clause does not apply to free schools (unless there was a predecessor independent school), or new provision academies		
2.U	Clause <i>reflects the requirements for religious education and daily collective worship</i>		
3.C	Clause only applies to full sponsored and intermediate sponsored academies with approved Academy Action Plans		
3.D	Clause does not apply to free schools (unless there was a predecessor independent school), or new provision academies		
5.G.1	Clause applies only to a boarding academy/boarding free school		
5.I	Clause only applies to sponsored academies		
5.K	Clause applies to free schools and may be applied to new provision academies		
5.L	Clause applies to free schools and may be applied to new provision academies		
5.M	Clause applies to free schools and may be applied to new provision academies		
5.N	Clause applies to free schools and may be applied to new provision academies		
5.O	Clause applies to free schools and may be applied to new provision academies		

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):

These 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 [INSERT NAME OF ACADEMY TRUST] is supplemental to the master funding agreement made between the same parties and dated [INSERT] (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 [INSERT] Academy.

“**the Academy**” means the Alternative Provision Academy which is an Academy or a Free School which meets the requirements set out in section 1C(1) of the Academies Act 2010 .

“**Commissioner**” means local authorities and/or schools referring children/pupils to the Alternative Provision Academy for admission under the legal powers set out in clauses 2.G to clauses 2.M.

“**National Minimum Standards**” *[This definition should be removed if the academy or free school does not provide boarding]*<sup>1</sup> means the National Minimum Standards for Boarding Schools published by the Secretary of State under section 87C(1) of the Children Act 1989 as amended by the Care Standards Act 2000.

“**Prospective Pupils**” means those pupils who have been referred to the Academy and accepted a place.

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<sup>1</sup> Throughout document remove instructions set out in bold, italics

**Pupil Premium**” means the amount allocated by a local authority from the pupil premium grant to a school under the terms and conditions of the grant;

**“Pupil Premium Grant”** means a grant of that name paid to a local authority by the Secretary of State under section 14 of the 2002 Act in respect of pupils who are entitled to a pupil premium;

**“Pupil Referral Unit (PRU)”** means an Academy or Free School which meets the requirements set out in Section 19(2) of the Education Act 1996.

**“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.

**“Start-Up Period”** [***This definition should be removed if all pupil cohorts relevant to the age-range of the academy will have some pupils present on the academy opening date. It will normally apply to free schools with the exception of free schools which had previously been independent schools who are not expanding their capacity and will not be in receipt of start-up/post opening grant***] means up to [X] Academy Financial Years from/after the date of this agreement and covers the period up to [and including] the first Academy Financial Year in which the Academy can offer its planned places (as set down in clause 2.B) whichever is the shorter

**“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 [TYPE] as defined in clause 1.4 of the Master Agreement.
- 1.G The Academy Trust will establish and maintain the Academy in accordance with the Master Agreement and this Agreement.
- 1.H The Academy Trust will open the Academy on [INSERT DATE].
- 1.I [***This clause applies only to free schools and new provision academies – otherwise mark clause 1.I as ‘Not used’***] The Academy Trust must ensure that so far as is reasonably practicable and consistent with clause 2.U of this Agreement and the Equality Act 2010, the policies and practices adopted by the Academy (in particular regarding curriculum, uniform and school food) enable pupils of all faiths and none to play a full part in the life of the Academy, and do not disadvantage pupils or parents of any faith or none. For the avoidance of doubt, this requirement applies irrespective of the proportion of pupils of any faiths or none currently attending or predicted to join the school.
- 1.J Further to clause 1.13(b) of the Master Agreement the Academy Trust must ensure that the educational provision is made at the Academy for children of compulsory school age who, by reason of illness, exclusion from school or otherwise, may not for any period receive suitable education unless alternative provision is made for them.

## **2. RUNNING OF THE ACADEMY**

### **Teachers and staff**

- 2.A Subject to clause 2.A.1 and 7.A of this Agreement (if used), the Academy Trust may, in accordance with any relevant Guidance, employ anyone it believes is suitably qualified or is otherwise eligible to plan and prepare lessons and courses for pupils, teach pupils, and assess and report on pupils' development, progress and attainment.
- 2.A.1 The Academy Trust must designate a staff member at the Academy as

responsible for promoting the educational achievement of registered pupils at the Academy who are being looked after by an LA, or are no longer looked after by an LA because of an adoption, special guardianship or child arrangements order, or because they have been adopted from 'state care' outside England and Wales, and in doing so must comply with the law, regulations and guidance that apply to maintained schools. The Academy Trust must ensure the designated person undertakes appropriate training and has regard to any guidance issued by the Secretary of State.

## **Pupils**

- 2.B The planned number of places at the Academy is [insert] places in the age range [insert], [including a sixth form of [insert] places] [including up to [INSERT] hospital education places], [including [INSERT] places for pupils with a statement of special educational needs naming the [INSERT NAME] Academy] [and][ including [insert] boarding places]. The planned number of places [and the age ranges] is/are not determinative of GAG. GAG for each Academy Financial Year will be determined by the Secretary of State in accordance with clauses 3.12 and 3.15 of the Master Agreement.
- 2.C Where the Company considers that there is a need to increase the overall planned number of places stated in clause 2.B, the Company must seek the approval of the Secretary of State and the requirements of this Agreement may be amended accordingly by agreement between the Secretary of State and the Company.

## **SEN unit**

***[Clauses 2.D and 2.E only apply where the academy has an SEN unit – for all other cases, these clauses should be marked 'Not used']***

- 2.D The Academy must operate designated places reserved for pupils with SEN (SEN Unit or Resourced Provision) with up to [insert] planned places for pupils with [insert SEN category] in the age range [insert]. ***[If this clause does not apply, mark clause 2.D as 'Not used']***

- 2.E The Secretary of State may at any time determine that the SEN Unit or Resourced Provision should cease to operate. In making such a determination, the Secretary of State will:
- a) consider the views of the Academy and relevant LAs (in their strategic role in the commissioning of SEN provision); and
  - b) consider how his determination will affect the LAs' ability to secure suitable SEN provision for children in the area. [***If this clause does not apply, mark clause 2.E as 'Not used'***]

### **Charging**

- 2.F [***This clause only applies where there was a predecessor independent school – otherwise mark clause 2.F as 'Not used'***]The Academy Trust must charge fees for the full cost of the education provided at an Academy to non-European Economic Area students who:-
- a) have a valid United Kingdom visa the terms of which state that the relevant student cannot access non-fee paying education; or
  - b) no longer have a valid United Kingdom visa allowing them to enter or remain in the United Kingdom but are applying to renew such a visa; and in each case
  - c) transferred to the Academy from any predecessor institution.

If the Academy fails to charge these students, or is unable to recover fees by the end of the term for which they are due, it must report this to the Secretary of State who may inform the UK Visas and Immigration.

### **Admissions**

- 2.G The Academy Trust will act in accordance with equalities law
- 2.H Except where clauses 2.I, 2.J, 7.A and 8.A apply, the Academy Trust may not admit a child of compulsory school age unless it is by way of a referral from a Commissioner through one of the referral routes set out in Clause 2.J

2.I ***[This clause does not apply to free schools (unless there was a predecessor independent school), or new provision academies – in these cases mark clause 2.I as ‘Not used’]*** 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.J 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 no longer meet the requirements at 1C of the Academies Act, do not comply with this Agreement, or are otherwise unlawful.

2.K The Academy Trust may only admit a child of compulsory school age:

- a) referred by a local authority where the local authority has a duty to that child under section 19 of the Education Act 1996.
- b) referred by a maintained school or Academy where the maintained school or Academy has a duty under Section 100 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006.
- c) referred by a maintained school under powers set out in section 29(A) of the Education Act 2002.
- d) referred by an Academy under general powers in the Articles of the Academy Trust for the purpose of improving the child’s behaviour.

- 2.L The Academy Trust shall have a referral policy, **[the following words to be inserted for all free schools—otherwise to be deleted]** [the initial policy to be agreed with the Department]. Any referral policy will include the number of places to be provided, the age range of pupils, the oversubscription criteria, and a fair, transparent and objective process for considering whether the education provided will be appropriate for prospective pupils. The Academy Trust will consult on any changes to its referral policy with key stakeholders including the local authority, local schools, any other school or local authority which has previously commissioned places and any other relevant parties.
- 2.M Any changes to admission arrangements proposed by the Academy Trust should be discussed with Commissioners and must be agreed with the Secretary of State.

### **Pupil registration and information sharing**

- 2.N The Academy Trust must ensure that pupils attending the Academy are appropriately registered, in line with its legal duties and those of any other school that the pupil attends.
- 2.O As far as reasonably practicable, in agreeing contractual arrangements with Commissioners the Academy Trust shall request appropriate information on the needs and prior attainment of pupils who will attend the Academy.
- 2.P The Academy Trust will provide regular feedback to Commissioners (and in any event when requested by the Commissioner to do so) on progress made by the pupil, the pupil's needs and attainment.

### **Objections and determinations**

- 2.Q The Academy Trust must make clear when determining the Academy's admission arrangements, that objections should be submitted to the ESFA or any successor to it.
- 2.R A determination of an objection, by the ESFA or any successor to it on behalf of the Secretary of State, or by the Secretary of State, will be binding upon the Academy.

## Curriculum

- 2.S The Academy Trust may provide for the teaching of religious education and a daily act of collective worship at the Academy.
- 2.T 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.U].

***[Clause 2.U reflects the requirements for religious education and daily collective worship – If this clause does not apply, mark clause as ‘Not used’]***

- 2.U At its discretion in accordance with clause 2.T, where the Academy Trust has made provision for the teaching of religious and/or for a daily act of collective worship (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.V 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.W 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**

#### **General Annual Grant (GAG)**

***[This clause applies to the extent the corresponding clause in your Master Funding Agreement does not address specific GAG funding for Alternative Provision Academies. To the extent your Master Funding Agreement does not address specific GAG funding for Alternative Provision Academies, that clause should be disapplied here]***

- 3.A GAG for each Academy Financial Year for the Academy will include:
- a) funding equivalent to that which would be received by a PRU maintained by the local authority with similar characteristics, determined by the Secretary of State and taking account of the number of pupils and/or places at the Academy;
  - b) funding to cover necessary functions which would be carried out by the relevant LA if the Academy were a school maintained by a local authority;
  - c) payments in respect of further, specific grants made available to schools maintained by the local authority, where the Academy meets the requisite conditions and criteria necessary for a school maintained by the local authority to receive these grants.

- d) funding for matters for which it is necessary for the Academy to incur extra costs, for as long as those costs are deemed necessary by the Secretary of State; and
- e) The Secretary of State may make provision, within his absolute discretion, for GAG to be adjusted in-year if the number of pupils attending the Academy at specified dates exceeds or falls below thresholds specified by letter. Arrangements for this will be set out in the Annual Letter of Funding or its equivalent.

### **Calculation of GAG**

- 3.B The Secretary of State recognises that if he serves a Termination Notice or a Termination Warning Notice, or otherwise terminates the Master Agreement, the intake of new pupils during the notice period may decline. 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.C ***[This clause only applies to full sponsored and intermediate sponsored academies with approved Academy Action Plans – otherwise mark clause 3C as ‘Not used’]*** 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.D ***[This clause does not apply to free schools (unless there was a predecessor independent school), or new provision academies – in***

***these cases mark clause 3.D as 'Not used'*** 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.E Any additional grant made in accordance with clause 3.B, 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.B cease to apply or the Academy closes.

#### **4. LAND**

***[The land clauses deal with the Academy Trust's obligations in respect of the academy site, and with protecting the public investment in the land used for the academy.***

***Other clauses and definitions may need to be inserted into this Agreement, depending on the specific land arrangements for the school site; for example, if the academy is to open on a temporary site before moving to its permanent site, or if any of the land is unregistered.***

***Choose the appropriate version of the land clauses from the options below, and delete the other versions.***

***Is the academy site being provided by the ESFA?***

**No:**

***Use version 1 if the academy's existing site is a freehold.***

***Use version 2 if the academy's existing site is held under a lease.***

***Use version 3 if the academy's existing site is held under a church supplemental agreement or lease from private site trustees.***

***Use both version 2 and version 3 if the academy's existing site is held partly under a lease provided by the LA or a third party landlord and partly under a church supplemental agreement or a lease provided by private site trustees.***

**Yes:**

***Is the new site being acquired freehold or leasehold?***

***Freehold:***

***Use version 4 if the Secretary of State is taking a legal charge over the new site.***

***Use version 5 if the Secretary of State is not taking a legal charge over the new site.***

***Leasehold:***

***Use version 6 if the Secretary of State is not the landlord and is taking a legal charge over the new site.***

***Use version 7 if the Secretary of State is neither the landlord nor taking a legal charge over the new site.***

***Use version 8 if the Secretary of State is the landlord – i.e. granting the lease.]***

***[Version 1: existing freehold site]***

“**Land**” means the freehold land at [ADDRESS], being [part of] the land registered with title number [●], which is to be the permanent site of the Academy.

“**Property Notice**” means any order, notice, proposal, demand or other requirement issued by any competent authority 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 not, without the Secretary of State's consent:

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

### **Option**

4.D The Academy Trust grants and the Secretary of State accepts an option (the “**Option**”) to acquire all or part of the Land at nil consideration. The Secretary of State may exercise the Option in writing on termination of this Agreement. If the Option is exercised, completion will take place 28 days after the exercise date in accordance with the Law Society’s Standard Conditions of Sale for Commercial Property in force at that date.

### **Option Notice**

- 4.E The Academy Trust:
- a) must, within 14 days after acquiring the Land or, if later, after signing this Agreement, apply to the Land Registry on Form AN1 (including a copy of this Agreement) for a notice of the Option (the “**Option Notice**”) to be entered in the register, taking any further steps required to have the Option Notice registered and promptly confirming to the Secretary of State when this has been done;
  - b) if it has not registered the Option Notice, agrees that the Secretary of State may apply to register it using Form UN1;
  - c) must not, without the Secretary of State’s consent, apply to disapply, modify or remove the Option Notice, whether by itself, a holding company, a subsidiary company, or a receiver, administrator or liquidator acting in the name of the Academy Trust, and

- d) must, in the case of previously unregistered land, within 14 days after acquiring the Land or, if later, after signing this Agreement, apply to register a Class C(iv) land charge in the Land Charges Registry, and send the Secretary of State a copy of the relevant entry within 7 days after the registration has been completed. If the Secretary of State considers that the Academy Trust has not complied with this clause, he may apply to secure the registration.

### **Property Notices**

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

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

### **Sharing the Land**

4.G Where:

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

The Secretary of State must consult with the Academy Trust to determine whether part of the Land could be demised or leased 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.H To the extent the Academy Trust and the Secretary of State agree to part of the Land being demised or leased in accordance with clause 4.G, the Academy Trust must use its best endeavours to procure all necessary consents 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.I For the purposes of clause 4.G:

- 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.

***[Version 2: existing leasehold site]***

“**Land**” means the land at [●], being [part of] the land registered with title number [●] 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.

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4.A The Academy Trust must:

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

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

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

## **Obligations of the Academy Trust**

4.B The Academy Trust must keep the Land clean and tidy and make good any damage or deterioration to the Land. The Academy Trust must not do anything to lessen the value or marketability of the Land without the Secretary of State's consent.

- 4.C The Academy Trust must comply with the Lease and promptly enforce its rights against the Landlord.
- 4.D The Academy Trust must not, without the Secretary of State's consent:
- a) terminate, vary, surrender, renew, dispose of or agree any revised rent under the Lease;
  - b) grant any consent or licence; or
  - c) create or allow any encumbrance; or
  - d) part with or share possession or occupation; or
  - e) enter into any onerous or restrictive obligations,
- in respect of all or part of the Land.

### **Option**

- 4.E The Academy Trust grants and the Secretary of State accepts an option (the "**Option**") to acquire all the Land at nil consideration. The Secretary of State may exercise the Option in writing on termination of this Agreement. If the Option is exercised, completion will take place 28 days after the exercise date in accordance with the Law Society's Standard Conditions of Sale for Commercial Property in force at that date.

### **Option Notice**

- 4.F The Academy Trust:
- a) must, within 14 days after acquiring the Land or, if later, after signing this Agreement, apply to the Land Registry on Form AN1 (including a copy of this Agreement) for a notice of the Option (the "**Option Notice**") to be entered in the register, taking any further steps required to have the Option Notice registered and promptly confirming to the Secretary of State when this has been done;

- b) if it has not registered the Option Notice, agrees that the Secretary of State may apply to register it using Form UN1;
- c) must not, without the Secretary of State's consent, apply to disapply, modify or remove the Option Notice, whether by itself, a holding company, a subsidiary company, or a receiver, administrator or liquidator acting in the name of the Academy Trust, and
- d) must, in the case of previously unregistered land, within 14 days after acquiring the Land or, if later, after signing this Agreement, apply to register a Class C(iv) land charge in the Land Charges Registry, and send the Secretary of State a copy of the relevant entry within 7 days after the registration has been completed. If the Secretary of State considers that the Academy Trust has not complied with this clause, he may apply to secure the registration.

### **Property Notices**

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

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

### **Breach of Lease**

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

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

- 4.I After notifying the Secretary of State under clause 4.H, the Academy Trust must:
- a) promptly give the Secretary of State all the information he asks for about the breach;
  - b) allow the Secretary of State to take all necessary action, with or instead of the Academy Trust, to remedy or prevent the breach, and
  - c) use its best endeavours to help the Secretary of State to remedy or prevent the breach.

### **Sharing the Land**

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

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

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

***[Version 3: existing site held under church supplemental agreement or lease from private site trustees]***

The parties' rights and obligations in respect of the Land are set out in the Church Supplemental Agreement or private lease dated [DATE] and made between (1) the Secretary of State; (2) the Academy Trust; (3) [SITE CHARITY TRUSTEES OR BOARD]; and (4) any relevant religious authority. For the purposes of this clause, Land has the meaning given in the Church Supplemental Agreement or private lease.

***[Version 4: new freehold site provided by ESFA with a legal charge in favour of the Secretary of State]***

“**Debt**” means an amount equal to 100% of the Land Value;

“**Discharge Process**” means the removal of:

- i. the Legal Charge registered with Companies House against the Academy Trust;
- ii. the Legal Charge from the charges register at the Land Registry against the title for the Land;

- iii. the restriction in the proprietorship register referred to in clause 4.C(a);  
and
- iv. the notice in the proprietorship register referred to in clause 4.H(a).

“**Land**” means the land at [ADDRESS], being [part of] the land registered with title number [●], which is to be the permanent site of the Academy.

“**Land Value**” means, at any time:

- i. where the Land has been disposed of as a result of the enforcement of the Legal Charge by the Secretary of State, the proceeds of that disposal after payment of the seller’s necessary and reasonable costs in connection with the disposal; or
- ii. in any other case, the Market Value.

“**Legal Charge**” means the legal charge over the Land to be entered into by the Academy Trust in favour of the Secretary of State, in a form and substance satisfactory to the Secretary of State.

“**Market Value**” means the market value (as defined in the current edition of the RICS Valuation Standards) of the relevant part of the Land as determined by a professionally qualified independent valuer.

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

### **Debt**

4.A The Academy Trust must pay the Debt to the Secretary of State on termination of this Agreement or in accordance with clauses 4.J(b) or 4.Q(b)(i) or on a sale of all or part of the Land with or without the Secretary of State’s consent.

4.B The Debt is secured by the Legal Charge.

### **Restrictions on Land transfer**

4.C The Academy Trust must:

a) apply to the Land Registry using form RX1 for the following restrictions (each a “**Restriction**”) to be entered in the proprietorship register for the Land by the following deadlines:

i. within 28 days after acquiring 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”; and*

ii. within 28 days after entering into the Legal Charge:

*“No disposition of the registered estate by the proprietor of the registered estate or by the proprietor of any registered charge, not being a charge registered before the entry of this restriction, is to be registered without a written consent signed by the proprietor for the time being of the charge dated [date of charge] in favour of The Secretary of State for Education referred to in the charges register or by its conveyancer”;*

b) take any further steps required to ensure that each Restriction is entered on the proprietorship register;

c) promptly confirm to the Secretary of State when each Restriction has been registered;

d) if it has not registered each Restriction, allow 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 a 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.D The Academy Trust must not, without the Secretary of State's consent:

- a) grant any consent or licence; or
- b) create or allow any encumbrance; or
- c) part with or share possession or occupation; or
- d) enter into any onerous or restrictive obligations,

in respect of all or part of the Land.

4.E The Academy Trust must obtain the Secretary of State's consent before taking any action, including the service of any notice or waiver of any condition, under any contract relating to the acquisition of the Land.

### **Property Notices**

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

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

### **Option**

4.G The Academy Trust grants and the Secretary of State accepts an option (the "**Option**") to acquire all or part of the Land at nil consideration. The Secretary of State may exercise the Option in writing if this Funding Agreement is terminated for any reason, or if the Academy Trust cannot use all or part of the Land as the permanent site of the Academy under clauses 4.J or 4.Q. If

the Option is exercised, completion will take place 28 days after the exercise date in accordance with the Law Society's Standard Conditions of Sale for Commercial Property in force at that date.

### **Option Notice**

4.H The Academy Trust:

- a) must, within 14 days after acquiring the Land or, if later, after signing this Agreement, apply to the Land Registry on Form AN1 (including a copy of this Agreement) for a notice of the Option (the "**Option Notice**") to be entered in the register, taking any further steps required to have the Option Notice registered and promptly confirming to the Secretary of State when this has been done;
- b) if it has not registered the Option Notice, agrees that the Secretary of State may apply to register it using Form UN1;
- c) must not, without the Secretary of State's consent, apply to disapply, modify or remove the Option Notice, whether by itself, a holding company, a subsidiary company, or a receiver, administrator or liquidator acting in the name of the Academy Trust, and
- d) must, in the case of previously unregistered land, within 14 days after acquiring the Land or, if later, after signing this Agreement, apply to register a Class C(iv) land charge in the Land Charges Registry, and send the Secretary of State a copy of the relevant entry within 7 days after registration has been completed. If the Secretary of State considers that the Academy Trust has not complied with this clause, he may apply to secure the registration.

### **Legal Charge**

4.I The Academy Trust must

- a) enter into the Legal Charge:
  - i. on completion of the acquisition of the Land, if at that time the

Academy Trust is an exempt charity for the purposes of the Charities Act 2011, or

- ii. within two weeks after the Academy opens, if the Academy Trust is not an exempt charity for the purposes of the Charities Act 2011 when it acquires the Land;
- b) within 21 days from the date of the Legal Charge, register it with Companies House or, if required by the Secretary of State, use all reasonable endeavours to assist the Secretary of State in doing so, including signing and executing any necessary documents;
- c) within 28 days from the date of the Legal Charge, apply to the Land Registry for the Legal Charge to be entered on the charges register, taking any other steps required to have the Legal Charge registered and promptly confirming to the Secretary of State when this has been done; and
- d) if it has not registered the Legal Charge, allow the Secretary of State to register it, and use all reasonable endeavours to help register the Legal Charge, including signing and executing any necessary documents and dealing with requisitions from the Land Registry.

#### **Land not used for the purposes of the academy**

4.J If the Academy Trust cannot use all or part of the Land as the permanent site of the Academy but the Secretary of State agrees not to terminate this Agreement on that basis, the Secretary of State may notify the Academy Trust that:

- a) he intends to exercise the Option to transfer the Land or the relevant part of it for nil consideration to himself or his nominee;
- b) the Academy Trust must pay the Debt or the Market Value; and/or
- c) the Academy Trust must sell the Land or the relevant part of it, keeping some or all of the sale proceeds to fulfil its charitable purposes by

funding the purchase of an alternative permanent site for the Academy, and accounting to the Secretary of State for any proceeds not so used.

### **Sharing the Land**

4.K If:

- a) the Academy does not fill its planned number of places, as stated in clause 2.B, within [●] Academy Financial Years; or
- b) the Academy Trust or the Secretary of State serves notice to terminate this Agreement under clause 5.A; or
- c) the Secretary of State considers that not all the Land is needed for the operation of the Academy at planned capacity,

then:

- i. the Academy Trust must share occupation of the Land with such other Academy as the Secretary of State considers appropriate and enter into any legal arrangements which the Secretary of State requires for this purpose; or
- ii. the Academy Trust must sell part of the Land as required by the Secretary of State and account for the sale proceeds to the Secretary of State in part payment of the Debt, after which the Secretary of State will carry out the Discharge Process over the part of the Land that has been sold.

### **Exercise of Rights**

4.L On termination of this Agreement, the Secretary of State may give notice that he intends to exercise his rights under clauses 4.G, 5.DD or 5.EE or under the Legal Charge. Any such notice must state which clause of this Agreement the Secretary of State intends to exercise, and is without prejudice to his right to exercise any other rights available to him.

- 4.M If the Secretary of State exercises the Option on termination of this Agreement, then:
- a) the Academy Trust will be deemed to have paid the Debt to the Secretary of State;
  - b) the Academy Trust will be deemed to have paid to the Secretary of State a proportion of the proceeds from the sale of the Land under clause 5.DD(b); and
  - c) the Secretary of State will carry out the Discharge Process;
- 4.N If the Secretary of State enforces the Legal Charge on the termination of this Agreement, then:
- a) the Academy Trust will be deemed to have paid the Debt to the Secretary of State after the Debt has been realised by a receiver;
  - b) the Academy Trust will be deemed to have paid to the Secretary of State a proportion of the proceeds from the sale of the Land as required under clause 4.29 of the Master Agreement; and
  - c) the Secretary of State will carry out the Discharge Process.
- 4.O If, on termination of this Agreement, the Secretary of State exercises his rights under clause 5.DD, then:
- a) the Academy Trust will be deemed to have paid the Debt to the Secretary of State; and
  - b) the Secretary of State will carry out the Discharge Process.
- 4.P If, on termination of this Agreement, the Secretary of State agrees under clause 5.EE that the Academy Trust may invest the proceeds from the sale of the Land for its charitable objects, or directs the Academy Trust to pay all or part of the sale proceeds to the relevant LA, then:
- a) the Academy Trust will be deemed to have paid the Debt to the Secretary of State; and

b) the Secretary of State will carry out the Discharge Process.

4.Q If the Academy Trust applies to the Secretary of State for consent to sell all or part of the Land, and if the Secretary of State agrees that the Land is no longer needed or cannot be used for the purposes of the Academy, he may:

a) exercise the Option; or

b) consent to the sale subject to one or more of the following conditions:

i. that (notwithstanding clause 4.29 of the Master Agreement) the Academy Trust pays the Debt (or, if it proposes to sell only part of the Land, pays the Market Value of the part sold) to the Secretary of State;

ii. that pursuant to clause 4.29 of the Master Agreement, the Academy Trust keeps some or all of the sale proceeds for its charitable purposes, accounting to the Secretary of State for the remainder; or

iii. that pursuant to clause 4.30 of the Master Agreement, the Academy Trust pays all or some of the sale proceeds to the relevant LA and may reinvest all or some of the sale proceeds for its charitable purposes.

4.R If the Secretary of State consents to the sale of the Land, subject to any of the conditions in clause 4.Q(b):

a) if the Secretary of State enforces the Legal Charge, then:

i. the Academy Trust will be deemed to have paid the Debt to the Secretary of State after the Debt has been realised by a receiver;

ii. the Academy Trust will be deemed to have paid a proportion of the sale proceeds to the Secretary of State as required under clause 4.29 of the Master Agreement; and

iii. the Secretary of State will carry out the Discharge Process;

- b) if all of the Land is sold and the Secretary of State agrees that the Academy Trust may keep some or all of the sale proceeds for its charitable purposes, accounting to the Secretary of State for the remainder, then:
  - i. the Academy Trust will be deemed to have paid the Debt to the Secretary of State;
  - ii. the Academy Trust will be deemed to have paid a proportion of the sale proceeds to the Secretary of State as required under clause 4.29 of the Master Agreement; and
  - iii. the Secretary of State will carry out the Discharge Process;
- c) if part of the Land is sold, and the Secretary of State agrees that the Academy Trust may keep some or all of the sale proceeds for its charitable purposes, accounting to the Secretary of State for the remainder, then:
  - i. the Academy Trust will be deemed to have paid the Debt to the Secretary of State to the extent of the Market Value;
  - ii. the Academy Trust will be deemed to have paid a proportion of the sale proceeds to the Secretary of State, as required under clause 4.29 of the Master Agreement, in relation to the relevant part of the Land; and
  - iii. the Secretary of State will carry out the Discharge Process in relation to the part of the Land which has been sold;
- d) if the Secretary of State directs the Academy Trust to pay some or all of the proceeds from the sale of the Land to the relevant LA under clause 4.30 of the Master Agreement, or agrees that the Academy Trust may reinvest the sale proceeds for its charitable purposes, the Secretary of State will carry out the Discharge Process in relation to the part of the Land which has been sold.

- 4.S If the Secretary of State exercises the Option over all of the Land and the Academy Trust transfers all of the Land to the Secretary of State for nil consideration, then:
- a) the Academy Trust will be deemed to have paid the Debt to the Secretary of State;
  - b) the Academy Trust will be deemed to have paid a proportion of the sale proceeds to the Secretary of State as required under clause 4.29 of the Master Agreement; and
  - c) the Secretary of State will carry out the Discharge Process.
- 4.T If the Secretary of State exercises the Option over only part of the Land, and the Academy Trust transfers that part of the Land to the Secretary of State for nil consideration, then:
- a) the Academy Trust will be deemed to have paid the Debt to the Secretary of State to the extent of the Market Value;
  - b) Academy Trust will be deemed to have paid a proportion of the sale proceeds to the Secretary of State, as required under clause 4.29 of the Master Agreement, in relation to the part of the Land transferred, and
  - c) the Secretary of State will carry out the Discharge Process in relation to the part of the Land which has been transferred.

### **Payment of Debt**

- 4.U If the Academy Trust pays the Debt to the Secretary of State, the Secretary of State will carry out the Discharge Process.
- 4.V If the Academy Trust:
- a) sells some or all of the Land in accordance with clause 4.Q(b), or
  - b) pays the Debt to the Secretary of State,

it will negotiate in good faith with the Secretary of State to agree a deed of variation for this Agreement.

***[Version 5: new freehold site provided by ESFA with no legal charge]***

“**Land**” means the land at [ADDRESS] being [part of] the land registered with title number [●], which is to be the permanent site of the Academy.

“**Property Notice**” means any order, notice, proposal, demand or other requirement issued by any competent authority 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 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, allow 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 not, without the Secretary of State's consent:

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

4.C The Academy Trust must

- a) obtain the Secretary of State's consent before taking any action, including the service of any notice or waiver of any condition, under any contract relating to the acquisition of the Land.
- b) keep the Land in good and substantial repair and condition and make good any damage or deterioration to the Land; and
- c) not do anything to lessen the value or marketability of the Land without the Secretary of State's consent.

### **Property Notices**

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

- a) send a copy of it to the Secretary of State within 14 days, stating how the Academy Trust intends to respond to it;
- b) promptly give the Secretary of State all the information he asks for about it;

- c) allow the Secretary of State to take all necessary action, with or instead of the Academy Trust, to comply with it, and
- d) use its best endeavours to help the Secretary of State in connection with it.

### **Option**

4.E The Academy Trust grants and the Secretary of State accepts an option (the “**Option**”) to acquire all or part of the Land at nil consideration. The Secretary of State may exercise the Option in writing if this Funding Agreement is terminated for any reason, or if the Academy Trust cannot use all or part of the Land as the permanent site of the Academy under clause 4.G. If the Option is exercised, completion will take place 28 days after the exercise date in accordance with the Law Society’s Standard Conditions of Sale for Commercial Property in force at that date.

### **Option Notice**

4.F The Academy Trust:

- a) must, within 14 days after acquiring the Land or, if later, after signing this Agreement, apply to the Land Registry on Form AN1 (including a copy of this Agreement) for a notice of the Option (the “**Option Notice**”) to be entered in the register, taking any further steps required to have the Option Notice registered and promptly confirming to the Secretary of State when this has been done;
- b) if it has not registered the Option Notice, agrees that the Secretary of State may apply to register it using Form UN1;
- c) must not, without the Secretary of State’s consent, apply to disapply, modify or remove the Option Notice, whether by itself, a holding company, a subsidiary company, or a receiver, administrator or liquidator acting in the name of the Academy Trust, and

- d) must, in the case of previously unregistered land, within 14 days after acquiring the Land or, if later, after signing this Agreement, apply to register a Class C(iv) land charge in the Land Charges Registry, and send the Secretary of State a copy of the relevant entry within 7 days after the registration has been completed. If the Secretary of State considers that the Academy Trust has not complied with this clause, he may apply to secure the registration.

#### **Land not used for the purposes of the academy**

- 4.G If the Academy Trust cannot use all or part of the Land as the permanent site of the Academy but the Secretary of State agrees not to terminate this Agreement on that basis, the Secretary of State may notify the Academy Trust that he intends to exercise the Option to transfer the Land or the relevant part of it for nil consideration to himself or his nominee.

#### **Sharing the Land**

- 4.H If:
- a) the Academy does not fill its planned number of places, as stated in clause 2.B, within [●] Academy Financial Years; or
  - b) the Academy Trust or the Secretary of State serves notice to terminate this Agreement under clause 5.A; or
  - c) the Secretary of State considers that not all the Land is needed for the operation of the Academy at planned capacity,

the Academy Trust must share occupation of the Land with such other Academy as the Secretary of State considers appropriate and enter into any legal arrangements which the Secretary of State requires for this purpose.

***[Version 6: new leasehold site provided by ESFA with a legal charge in favour of the Secretary of State]***

“**Debt**” means an amount equal to 100% of the Land Value;

**“Discharge Process”** means the removal of:

- i. the Legal Charge registered with Companies House against the Academy Trust;
- ii. the Legal Charge from the charges register at the Land Registry against the title for the Land;
- iii. the Restriction in the proprietorship register referred to in clause 4.C(a);  
and
- iv. the Option Notice in the proprietorship register referred to in clause 4.L(a).

**“Land”** means the land at [●], being [part of] the land registered with title number [●] and demised by the Lease.

**“Land Value”** means, at any time:

- i. where the Land has been disposed of as a result of the enforcement of the Legal Charge by the Secretary of State, the proceeds of that disposal after payment of the seller’s necessary and reasonable costs in connection with the disposal; or
- ii. in any other case, the Market Value.

**“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.

**“Legal Charge”** means the legal charge over the Land to be entered into by the Academy Trust in favour of the Secretary of State, in a form and substance satisfactory to the Secretary of State.

**“Market Value”** means the market value (as defined in the current edition of the RICS Valuation Standards) of the relevant part of the Land as determined by a professionally qualified independent valuer.

**“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.

## **Debt**

4.A The Academy Trust must pay the Debt to the Secretary of State on termination of this Agreement or in accordance with clauses 4.N(b) or 4.U(b)(i) or on a sale of all or part of the Land with or without the Secretary of State’s consent.

4.B The Debt is secured by the Legal Charge.

## **Restrictions on Land transfer**

4.C The Academy Trust must:

a) apply to the Land Registry using form RX1 for the following restrictions (each a **“Restriction”**) to be entered in the proprietorship register for the Land by the following deadlines:

i. within 28 days after acquiring 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”; and*

ii. within 28 days after entering into the Legal Charge:

*“No disposition of the registered estate by the proprietor of the registered estate or by the proprietor of any registered charge, not being a charge registered before the entry of this restriction, is to be registered without a written consent signed by the proprietor for the time being of the charge dated [date of charge] in favour of The Secretary of State for Education referred to in the charges register or by its conveyancer”;*

- b) take any further steps required to ensure that each Restriction is entered on the proprietorship register;
- c) promptly confirm to the Secretary of State when each Restriction has been registered;
- d) if it has not registered each Restriction, allow 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 a 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.D The Academy Trust must comply with the Lease and promptly enforce its rights against the Landlord.

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

- a) terminate, renew, vary, surrender, dispose of or agree any revised rent under the Lease; or
- b) grant any consent or licence; or
- c) create or allow any encumbrance; or
- d) part with or share possession or occupation; or
- e) enter into any onerous or restrictive obligations,

in respect of all or part of the Land.

4.F The Academy Trust must obtain the Secretary of State's consent before taking any action, including the service of any notice or waiver of any condition, under any contract relating to the acquisition of the Land.

- 4.G If the Academy Trust is, or if it is reasonably foreseeable that it will be, in material breach of the Lease, the Academy Trust must immediately give written notice to the Secretary of State stating what the breach is and what action the Academy Trust has taken or proposes to take to remedy it, including timescales where appropriate.
- 4.H After notifying the Secretary of State under clause 4.G, the Academy Trust must:
- a) promptly give the Secretary of State all the information he asks for about the breach;
  - b) allow the Secretary of State to take all necessary action, with or instead of the Academy Trust, to remedy or prevent the breach, and
  - c) use its best endeavours to help the Secretary of State to remedy or prevent the breach.
- 4.I If the Academy Trust has not entered into the Lease by [DATE], the Secretary of State may serve a Termination Notice.

### **Property Notices**

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

### **Option**

4.K The Academy Trust grants and the Secretary of State accepts an option (the “**Option**”) to acquire all the Land at nil consideration. The Secretary of State may exercise the Option in writing if this Funding Agreement is terminated for any reason, or if the Academy Trust cannot use all or part of the Land as the permanent site of the Academy under clauses 4.N or 4.U. If the Option is exercised, completion will take place 28 days after the exercise date in accordance with the Law Society’s Standard Conditions of Sale for Commercial Property in force at that date.

### **Option Notice**

4.L The Academy Trust:

- a) must, within 14 days after acquiring the Land or, if later, after signing this Agreement, apply to the Land Registry on Form AN1 (including a copy of this Agreement) for a notice of the Option (the “**Option Notice**”) to be entered in the register, taking any further steps required to have the Option Notice registered and promptly confirming to the Secretary of State when this has been done;
- b) if it has not registered the Option Notice, agrees that the Secretary of State may apply to register it using Form UN1;
- c) must not, without the Secretary of State’s consent, apply to disapply, modify or remove the Option Notice, whether by itself, a holding company, a subsidiary company, or a receiver, administrator or liquidator acting in the name of the Academy Trust, and
- d) must, in the case of previously unregistered land, within 14 days after acquiring the Land or, if later, after signing this Agreement, apply to register a Class C(iv) land charge in the Land Charges Registry, and send the Secretary of State a copy of the relevant entry within 7 days after registration has been completed. If the Secretary of State considers that the Academy Trust has not complied with this clause, he may apply to secure the registration.

## **Legal Charge**

4.M The Academy Trust must

- a) enter into the Legal Charge:
  - i. on completion of the acquisition of the Land, if at that time the Academy Trust is an exempt charity for the purposes of the Charities Act 2011, or
  - ii. within two weeks after the Academy opens, if the Academy Trust is not an exempt charity for the purposes of the Charities Act 2011 when it acquires the Land;
- b) within 21 days from the date of the Legal Charge, register it with Companies House or, if required by the Secretary of State, use all reasonable endeavours to assist the Secretary of State in doing so, including signing and executing any necessary documents;
- c) within 28 days from the date of the Legal Charge, apply to the Land Registry for the Legal Charge to be entered on the charges register, taking any other steps required to have the Legal Charge registered and promptly confirming to the Secretary of State when this has been done; and
- d) if it has not registered the Legal Charge, allow the Secretary of State to register it, and use all reasonable endeavours to help register the Legal Charge, including signing and executing any necessary documents and dealing with requisitions from the Land Registry.

## **Land not used for the purposes of the academy**

4.N If the Academy Trust cannot use all or part of the Land as the permanent site of the Academy but the Secretary of State agrees not to terminate this Agreement on that basis, the Secretary of State may notify the Academy Trust that:

- a) he intends to exercise the Option to transfer the Land for nil

consideration to himself or his nominee;

- b) the Academy Trust must pay the Debt or the Market Value; and/or
- c) the Academy Trust must sell the Land, keeping some or all of the sale proceeds to fulfil its charitable purposes by funding the purchase of an alternative permanent site for the Academy, and accounting to the Secretary of State for any proceeds not so used.

### **Sharing the Land**

4.O If:

- a) the Academy does not fill its planned number of places capacity, as stated in clause 2.B, within [●] Academy Financial Years; or
- b) the Academy Trust or the Secretary of State serves notice to terminate this Agreement under clause 5.A; or
- c) the Secretary of State considers that not all the Land is needed for the operation of the Academy at planned capacity,

then:

- i. the Academy Trust must share occupation of the Land with such other Academy as the Secretary of State considers appropriate and enter into any legal arrangements which the Secretary of State requires for this purpose; or
- ii. the Academy Trust must sell the Land as required by the Secretary of State and account for the sale proceeds to the Secretary of State in payment of the Debt, after which the Secretary of State will carry out the Discharge Process over the Land.

### **Exercise of Rights**

4.P On termination of this Agreement, the Secretary of State may give notice that he intends to exercise his rights under clauses 4.K, 5.DD or 5.EE or under the

Legal Charge. Any such notice must state which clause of this Agreement the Secretary of State intends to exercise, and is without prejudice to his right to exercise any other rights available to him.

- 4.Q If the Secretary of State exercises the Option on termination of this Agreement, then:
- a) the Academy Trust will be deemed to have paid the Debt to the Secretary of State;
  - b) the Academy Trust will be deemed to have paid to the Secretary of State a proportion of the proceeds from the sale of the Land under clause 5.DD(b); and
  - c) the Secretary of State will carry out the Discharge Process;
- 4.R If the Secretary of State enforces the Legal Charge on the termination of this Agreement, then:
- a) the Academy Trust will be deemed to have paid the Debt to the Secretary of State after the Debt has been realised by a receiver;
  - b) the Academy Trust will be deemed to have paid to the Secretary of State a proportion of the proceeds from the sale of the Land as required under clause 4.29 of the Master Agreement; and
  - c) the Secretary of State will carry out the Discharge Process.
- 4.S If, on termination of this Agreement, the Secretary of State exercises his rights under clause 5.DD, then:
- a) the Academy Trust will be deemed to have paid the Debt to the Secretary of State; and
  - b) the Secretary of State will carry out the Discharge Process.
- 4.T If, on termination of this Agreement, the Secretary of State agrees under clause 5.EE that the Academy Trust may invest the proceeds from the sale of

the Land for its charitable objects, or directs the Academy Trust to pay all or part of the sale proceeds to the relevant LA, then:

- a) the Academy Trust will be deemed to have paid the Debt to the Secretary of State; and
- b) the Secretary of State will carry out the Discharge Process.

4.U If the Academy Trust applies to the Secretary of State for consent to sell all or part of the Land, and if the Secretary of State agrees that the Land is no longer needed or cannot be used for the purposes of the Academy, he may:

- a) exercise the Option; or
- b) consent to the sale subject to one or more of the following conditions:
  - i. that (notwithstanding clause 4.29 of the Master Agreement) the Academy Trust pays the Debt (or, if it proposes to sell only part of the Land, pays the Market Value of the part sold) to the Secretary of State;
  - ii. that pursuant to clause 4.29 of the Master Agreement, the Academy Trust keeps some or all of the sale proceeds for its charitable purposes, accounting to the Secretary of State for the remainder; or
  - iii. that pursuant to clause 4.30 of the Master Agreement, the Academy Trust pays all or some of the sale proceeds to the relevant LA and may reinvest all or some of the sale proceeds for its charitable purposes.

4.V If the Secretary of State consents to the sale of the Land, subject to any of the conditions in clause 4.U(b):

- a) if the Secretary of State enforces the Legal Charge, then:
  - i. the Academy Trust will be deemed to have paid the Debt to the Secretary of State after the Debt has been realised by a receiver;

- ii. the Academy Trust will be deemed to have paid a proportion of the sale proceeds to the Secretary of State as required under clause 4.29 of the Master Agreement; and
  - iii. the Secretary of State will carry out the Discharge Process;
- b) if all of the Land is sold and the Secretary of State agrees that the Academy Trust may keep some or all of the sale proceeds for its charitable purposes, accounting to the Secretary of State for the remainder, then:
  - i. the Academy Trust will be deemed to have paid the Debt to the Secretary of State;
  - ii. the Academy Trust will be deemed to have paid a proportion of the sale proceeds to the Secretary of State as required under clause 4.29 of the Master Agreement; and
  - iii. the Secretary of State will carry out the Discharge Process;
- c) if part of the Land is sold, and the Secretary of State agrees that the Academy Trust may keep some or all of the sale proceeds for its charitable purposes, accounting to the Secretary of State for the remainder, then:
  - i. the Academy Trust will be deemed to have paid the Debt to the Secretary of State to the extent of the Market Value;
  - ii. the Academy Trust will be deemed to have paid a proportion of the sale proceeds to the Secretary of State, as required under clause 4.29 of the Master Agreement, in relation to the relevant part of the Land; and
  - iii. the Secretary of State will carry out the Discharge Process in relation to the part of the Land which has been sold;
- d) if the Secretary of State directs the Academy Trust to pay some or all of the proceeds from the sale of the Land to the relevant LA under

clause 4.30 of the Master Agreement, or agrees that the Academy Trust may reinvest the sale proceeds for its charitable purposes, the Secretary of State will carry out the Discharge Process in relation to the part of the Land which has been sold.

- 4.W If the Secretary of State exercises the Option over all of the Land and the Academy Trust transfers all of the Land to the Secretary of State for nil consideration, then:
- a) the Academy Trust will be deemed to have paid the Debt to the Secretary of State;
  - b) the Academy Trust will be deemed to have paid a proportion of the sale proceeds to the Secretary of State as required under clause 4.29 of the Master Agreement; and
  - c) the Secretary of State will carry out the Discharge Process.

4.X Not used.

### **Payment of Debt**

4.Y If the Academy Trust pays the Debt to the Secretary of State, the Secretary of State will carry out the Discharge Process.

4.Z If the Academy Trust:

- a) sells some or all of the Land in accordance with clause 4.U, or
- b) pays the Debt to the Secretary of State,

it will negotiate in good faith with the Secretary of State to agree a deed of variation for this Agreement.

***[Version 7: new leasehold site provided by ESFA without a legal charge where the Secretary of State is not the landlord]***

“**Land**” means the land at [●], being [part of] the land registered with title number [●] 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 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, allow 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 comply with the Lease and promptly enforce its rights against the Landlord.
- 4.C The Academy Trust must not, without the Secretary of State's consent:
- a) terminate, renew, vary, surrender, dispose of or agree any revised rent under the Lease; or
  - b) grant any consent or licence; or
  - c) create or allow any encumbrance; or
  - d) part with or share possession or occupation; or
  - e) enter into any onerous or restrictive obligations,
- in respect of all or part of the Land.
- 4.D The Academy Trust must obtain the Secretary of State's consent before taking any action, including the service of any notice or waiver of any condition, under any contract relating to the acquisition of the Land.
- 4.E If the Academy Trust is, or if it is reasonably foreseeable that it will be, in material breach of the Lease, the Academy Trust must immediately give written notice to the Secretary of State stating what the breach is and what action the Academy Trust has taken or proposes to take to remedy it, including timescales where appropriate.
- 4.F After notifying the Secretary of State under clause 4.E, the Academy Trust must:
- a) promptly give the Secretary of State all the information he asks for about the breach;
  - b) allow the Secretary of State to take all necessary action, with or instead of the Academy Trust, to remedy or prevent the breach, and

- c) use its best endeavours to help the Secretary of State to remedy or prevent the breach.

4.G If the Academy Trust has not entered into the Lease by [DATE], the Secretary of State may serve a Termination Notice.

### **Property Notices**

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

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

### **Option**

4.I The Academy Trust grants and the Secretary of State accepts an option (the “**Option**”) to acquire the Land at nil consideration. The Secretary of State may exercise the Option in writing if this Funding Agreement is terminated for any reason, or if the Academy Trust cannot use all or part of the Land as the permanent site of the Academy under clause 4.K. If the Option is exercised, completion will take place 28 days after the exercise date in accordance with the Law Society’s Standard Conditions of Sale for Commercial Property in force at that date.

### **Option Notice**

4.J The Academy Trust:

- a) must, within 14 days after acquiring the Land or, if later, after signing this Agreement, apply to the Land Registry on Form AN1 (including a

copy of this Agreement) for a notice of the Option (the “**Option Notice**”) to be entered in the register, taking any further steps required to have the Option Notice registered and promptly confirming to the Secretary of State when this has been done;

- b) if it has not registered the Option Notice, agrees that the Secretary of State may apply to register it using Form UN1;
- c) must not, without the Secretary of State’s consent, apply to disapply, modify or remove the Option Notice, whether by itself, a holding company, a subsidiary company, or a receiver, administrator or liquidator acting in the name of the Academy Trust, and
- d) must, in the case of previously unregistered land, within 14 days after acquiring the Land or, if later, after signing this Agreement, apply to register a Class C(iv) land charge in the Land Charges Registry, and send the Secretary of State a copy of the relevant entry within 7 days after registration has been completed. If the Secretary of State considers that the Academy Trust has not complied with this clause, he may apply to secure the registration.

### **Land not used for the purposes of the academy**

4.K If the Academy Trust cannot use all or part of the Land as the permanent site of the Academy but the Secretary of State agrees not to terminate this Agreement on that basis, the Secretary of State may notify the Academy Trust that he intends to exercise the Option to transfer the Land for nil consideration to himself or his nominee.

### **Sharing the Land**

- 4.L If:
- a) the Academy does not fill its planned number of places, as stated in clause 2.B, within [●] Academy Financial Years; or
  - b) the Academy Trust or the Secretary of State serves notice to terminate

this Agreement under clause 5.A; or

- c) the Secretary of State considers that not all the Land is needed for the operation of the Academy at planned capacity,

the Academy Trust must share occupation of the Land with such other Academy as the Secretary of State considers appropriate and enter into any legal arrangements which the Secretary of State requires for this purpose.

***[Version 8: new leasehold site provided by ESFA where the Secretary of State is the landlord]***

“**Land**” means the land at [●], being [part of] the land registered with title number [●] and demised by the Lease.

“**Lease**” means the lease, any subsequent variations to the lease or other occupational agreement between the Academy Trust and the Secretary of State [for Communities and Local Government] ***[Omit words in square brackets if lease granted by the Secretary of State for Education]*** (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 unless the Landlord is the Secretary of State for Education) which materially affects the Academy Trust’s ability to use the Land for the purposes of the Academy.

#### **Restrictions on Land transfer**

***[This clause applies only if the lease is registrable at the Land Registry – otherwise mark clause 4.A as ‘Not used’.]***

4.A The Academy Trust must:

- a) within 28 days of the signing of this Agreement in circumstances where the Land is demised to the Academy Trust prior to the date of this Agreement, or otherwise within 28 days of the demise 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, or by the proprietor of any registered charge, not being a charge registered before the entry of this restriction, 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 required to ensure that the Restriction is entered on the proprietorship register of the Academy Trust’s title;
- c) promptly confirm to the Secretary of State when the Restriction has been registered;
- d) if it has not registered the Restriction, allow 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 comply with the Lease.

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

- a) grant any consent or licence; or
- b) create or allow any encumbrance including charging the land; or
- c) part with or share possession or occupation; or
- d) enter into any onerous or restrictive obligations

in respect of all or part of the Land Provided that that the Academy Trust may grant a licence or share occupation of part of the Land with a proprietor or proposed proprietor of an Academy or a body or individual providing services or facilities which are within the uses permitted by the Lease and where no relationship of landlord and tenant arises as a result of such occupation.

4.C The Academy Trust must obtain the Secretary of State's consent before taking any action, including the service of any notice or waiver of any condition, under any contract relating to the acquisition of the Land.

4.D If the Academy Trust is, or if it is reasonably foreseeable that it will be, in material breach of the Lease, the Academy Trust must immediately give written notice to the Secretary of State stating what the breach is and what action the Academy Trust has taken or proposes to take to remedy it, including timescales where appropriate.

4.E After notifying the Secretary of State under clause 4.D, the Academy Trust must:

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

4.F If the Academy Trust has not entered into the Lease by [DATE] the Secretary of State may serve a Termination Notice.

### **Property Notices**

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

- a) send a copy of it (where not issued by the Landlord) to the Secretary of State within 14 days, stating how the Academy Trust intends to respond to it;

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

### **Sharing the Land**

***[This clause applies only if the lease is in the long form – if the lease takes the short form, mark clause 4.H as ‘Not used’.]***

4.H If:

- a) the Academy does not reach its planned capacity, as stated in clause 2.B, within [●] Academy Financial Years from and including the first year of opening; or
- b) the Academy Trust or the Secretary of State serves notice to terminate this Agreement under clause 5.A; or
- c) the Secretary of State considers, having consulted with the Academy, that not all the Land is needed for the operation of the Academy at planned capacity,

the Academy Trust must share occupation of the Land with such other Academy as the Secretary of State considers appropriate and enter into any legal arrangements which the Secretary of State requires for this purpose subject to the terms of the Lease Provided that any associated reasonable costs directly arising from the legal arrangements will be payable by the Secretary of State.

4.I In the event of any inconsistency between the provisions of this Agreement and the Lease, the provisions of this Agreement will prevail and, for the avoidance of doubt, nothing in the Lease precludes any requirement for the Academy Trust to

obtain the consent of the Secretary of State for any matters or dealings relating to the Land.

## **5. TERMINATION**

### **Termination by either party**

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

### **Termination Warning Notice**

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

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

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

- a) the action the Academy Trust must take;
- b) the date by which the action must be completed; and
- c) the date by which the Academy Trust must make any representations, or confirm that it agrees to undertake the specified action.

5.D The Secretary of State will consider any representations from the Academy Trust which he receives by the date specified in the Termination Warning

Notice. The Secretary of State may amend the Termination Warning Notice to specify further action which the Academy Trust must take, and the date by which it must be completed.

- 5.E If the Secretary of State considers that the Academy Trust has not responded to the Termination Warning Notice as specified under clause 5.C(c), or has not completed the action required in the Termination Warning Notice as specified under clauses 5.C(a) and (b) (and any further action specified under clause 5.D) he may serve a Termination Notice.

### **Termination by the Secretary of State after inspection**

- 5.F If the Chief Inspector gives notice to the Academy Trust that:

- a) special measures are required to be taken in relation to the Academy;  
or
- b) the Academy requires significant improvement

the Secretary of State may serve a Termination Warning Notice, specifying the date by which the Academy Trust must make any representations.

- 5.G In deciding whether to give notice of his intention to terminate under clause 5.F, the Secretary of State will have due regard to the overall performance of the Academy Trust.

- 5.G.1 [***This clause applies to a boarding academy/boarding free school only, otherwise mark clause 5.G.1 'Not used'***]If, following an inspection, the Chief Inspector makes a notification to the Secretary of State in respect of the Academy under section 87(4) of the Children Act 1989, or the Chief Inspector is otherwise of the opinion that the Academy Trust has not met the National Minimum Standards or the Independent School Standards in respect of the Academy, the Secretary of State may serve a Termination Warning Notice, specifying the date by which the Academy Trust must make any representations.

5.H If the Secretary of State has served a Termination Warning Notice under clause 5.F [\*or clause 5.G.1 ][\***insert if clause 5.G.1 used**] 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 ***[This clause applies to sponsored academies only – otherwise mark clause 5.I as ‘Not used’]***If the Chief Inspector gives a notice referred to in clause 5.F [\*or clause 5.G.1 ][\***insert if clause 5.G.1 used**] 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 [\*or clause 5.G.1] [\***insert if clause 5.G.1 used**]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 ***[This clause applies to free schools, and may be applied to new provision academies in some cases – otherwise mark clause 5.K as ‘Not***

**used’]**If at any time before the Academy opens, the total number of prospective pupils who have accepted offers of places to attend the Academy in [month and year] is less than [NUMBER], the Secretary of State may:

- a) require the Academy Trust not to open the Academy until the number of prospective pupils has reached [NUMBER]; or
- b) serve a Termination Notice.

5.L ***[This clause applies to free schools, and may be applied to new provision academies in some cases – otherwise mark clause 5.L as ‘Not used’]***If at any time after the Academy has opened, the Secretary of State considers that the Academy is not financially viable because of low pupil numbers, then he may:

- a) serve a Termination Warning Notice; or
- b) serve a Termination Notice.

5.M ***[This clause applies to free schools, and may be applied to new provision academies in some cases – otherwise mark clause 5.M as ‘Not used’]***If both parties agree that the Academy is not financially viable because of low pupil numbers, they may jointly terminate this Agreement after agreeing the precise terms of termination.

5.N ***[This clause applies to free schools , and may be applied to new provision academies in some cases – otherwise mark clause 5.N as ‘Not used’]***If full planning permission (including where relevant listed building consent) in respect of the Land has not been obtained by [DATE], the Secretary of State may serve a Termination Notice.

5.O ***[This clause applies to free schools , and may be applied to new provision academies in some cases – otherwise mark clause 5.O as ‘Not used’]***If at any time before the Academy opening date, the Secretary of State considers that:

- a) the Academy would, on opening, provide an unacceptably low standard of education; or
- b) the safety of pupils or staff at the Academy would, on opening, be threatened; or
- c) the staff employed at the Academy are unsuitable; or
- d) there is a serious breakdown in the way the Academy Trust is being managed or governed; or
- e) the buildings and other structures on the Land are unsuitable or the Academy Trust has not obtained Building Regulations approval,

he may either:

- A. require the Academy Trust:
  - i. not to open the Academy; or
  - ii. not to admit pupils of a particular age range, to be determined by the Secretary of State; or
  - iii. not to use any building or other structure on the Land,

until each relevant matter in paragraphs (a) to (e) above has been resolved to the Secretary of State's satisfaction; or

- B. serve a Termination Notice.

### **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 1C 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 clause 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.

This Agreement was executed as a Deed on

[DATE]

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

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and

.....

**Director**

**Director**

or

.....

**Company Secretary**

or

.....

**Witness**

Name:

Address:

The Corporate Seal of

**THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EDUCATION**

affixed to this deed is authenticated by:

.....

**Duly Authorised**

## ANNEXES

### 7. ADMISSION OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH EDUCATION, HEALTH AND CARE PLANS

“EHC plan” means an Education, Health and Care plan made under section 37 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 Academy Trust must admit the pupil if such a determination is pending. The Secretary of State’s determination as to whether the LA acted unreasonably will be final, subject to any right of appeal which a parent of the pupil may have to the First Tier Tribunal (Special Educational Needs and Disability) or the Upper Tribunal Administrative Appeals Chamber.

### 8. ADMISSION OF CHILDREN WITH A STATEMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

(Clauses 8.A-8.G only apply where the pupil has a statement of special educational needs (SEN) rather than an EHC plan and where they therefore continue to be subject to the relevant provisions of the Education Act 1996. EHC plans are replacing statements of SEN but although all statements of SEN should have been converted to an EHC plan by the 1 April 2018 this clause is retained to protect pupils who still have a statement of special education need after this date. The detail on the drafting of a statement below is retained to protect pupils in exceptional circumstances.)

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

- 8.A The Academy Trust must admit all children with a Statement of SEN naming the Academy.
- 8.B The Academy Trust must have regard to the Special Educational Needs Code of practice 2001 when dealing with statements of SEN.
- 8.C Where the LA sends the Academy Trust a draft statement with a proposal that the Academy is named in the final statement, the Academy Trust must respond within 15 working days unless the time period falls within a school holiday that is longer than two weeks in which case the Academy Trust should respond within 15 working days of the end of the school holiday.
- 8.D In its response the Academy Trust must either:
- a. consent to being named in the final statement or
  - b. explain why it believes that admitting the child would be incompatible with the provision of efficient education for other children and the efficient use of resources, including why no reasonable steps could secure compatibility. In doing so the Academy Trust must have regard to the relevant legislation and Code of Practice. 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. The final decision as to whether to name the Academy falls to the LA.
- 8.E If the Academy Trust considers that the LA should not have named the Academy in the statement of SEN, 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 Academy Trust must admit the pupil if such a determination is pending. 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) or the Upper

Tribunal Administrative Appeals Chamber, 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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