

ITEM 1

From: [redacted] [removed under s40]
Sent: 30 January 2019 21:23
To: HERRINGTON, Dominic <National.SCHOOLSCOMMISSIONER@education.gov.uk>
Cc: DUFF, Jonathan <Jonathan.DUFF@education.gov.uk>
Subject: Fwd: Copperfield

Hi Dominic,

FYI. Let us know your thoughts on next steps.

There are several strong trusts in the area so it would probably be fairly straightforward to find an alternative sponsor, if that's what you decide.

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Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

From: [redacted] [removed under s40]
Date: 30/01/2019 20:37
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] [removed under s40]
Subject: Copperfield

Hiya,

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] [Information removed because it is not in scope]

Best,

[redacted] [removed under s40]
National & Complex Case Unit
Academies National Operations Division, A&RDD National Core,
Sanctuary Buildings, Great Smith Street, Westminster, London, SW1P 3BT
[redacted] [removed under s40]

ITEM 2

Attachments with email dated 24 February exempt under S36(2)(c).

From: HERRINGTON, Dominic-<National.SCHOOLSCOMMISSIONER@education.gov.uk>

Sent: 24 February 2019 20:07

To: DUFF, Jonathan <Jonathan.DUFF@education.gov.uk>; [redacted]
[redacted] >[removed under s40]

Subject: FW: Copperfield Academy

I'm edging towards a warning notice here, but not rebrokering.
But lets pick up at stocktake, and welcome your thoughts.

From: Cathie Paine [redacted] > [removed under s40]

Sent: 24 February 2019 18:30

To: HERRINGTON, Dominic <National.SCHOOLSCOMMISSIONER@education.gov.uk>

Cc: [redacted] Sir Steve

Lancashire [redacted] Katherine Alexander [redacted]

Andrew Rigby [redacted] removed under s40]

Subject: Copperfield Academy

Dear Dominic

[redacted] [information removed because
it is not in scope]

We discussed Copperfield's recent inspection and expressed our strong commitment to continue to address the issues at the school. You asked us to send our detailed plan of how we will do this, plus a one-sider on our wider rationale for support for the school and the grounds on which we consider that the school should remain with REAch2. Both are attached. [Attachments removed under s36(2)(c)].

[redacted]. [information removed
because it is not in scope] However we thought you could have the documents in advance of this.

Do let me know if you would like to discuss this further or if you require any more details.
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Warm wishes

Cathie


Catherine Paine
Deputy Chief Executive

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Attachment for Item 3

FORM 7

Minute



Date 06 March 2019
To [removed under s40]
(for the Secretary of State)

Cc Kent
From Regional Director

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Copperfield Academy, Kent , South East
URN: 139685

Date of Inspection: 29 January 2019: special measures/serious weaknesses

1. The judgement that the above school requires special measures and requires significant improvement has been moderated and agreed.
2. HMCI has authorised the publication of the report.
3. The report will be published as soon as possible.

Regional Director

ITEM 4

From: DUFF, Jonathan <Jonathan.DUFF@education.gov.uk>
Sent: 12 March 2019 13:40
To: Herrington, Dominic-NSC <National.SCHOOLSCOMMISSIONER@education.gov.uk
[redacted] removed under s40]
Cc: [redacted] removed under s40]
Subject: RE: Copperfield

We agreed to leave with them and issue a WN, ideally setting some expectations about when it should be out of category, plus any other conditions we think prudent.

Jonathan

Jonathan Duff
Deputy Director | Regional Schools Commissioner's office | South East England & South London
Academies & Regional Delivery Directorate [redacted] [removed under s40]
Department for Education

From: HERRINGTON, Dominic<National.SCHOOLSCOMMISSIONER@education.gov.uk >
Sent: 12 March 2019 13:28
To: DUFF, Jonathan <Jonathan.DUFF@education.gov.uk>; [redacted]
[redacted] removed under s40]
Cc: [redacted] [removed under s40]
Subject: Copperfield

I cant recall where we got to, but I've read all their stuff and think we should leave it with them. [redacted] [removed under s40] is excellent and I think [redacted] [removed under s40] is good.

[redacted] [removed under section 36(2)(b)(ii)]

Dominic

ITEM 5

From: Cathie Paine [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 March 2019 20:13
To: Herrington, Dominic-NSC <National.SCHOOLSCOMMISSIONER@education.gov.uk >
Cc: [REDACTED] [removed under s40].
Subject: Copperfield

Dear Dominic

I hope that this finds you well. Now that we have received the final report from OfSTED, we have updated the SoA, which I attach. [Attachment for item 5 removed under s36 (2)(c)]

Have a good weekend.

Warm wishes

Cathie

Catherine Paine
Deputy Chief Executive

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ITEM 6

RSC Update to SESL Headteacher Board 25 April 2019

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Casework updates

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Intervention in under-performing Academies:

[Redacted]

Copperfield Academy (Kent) will remain with the trust, Reach2, as there is a new head in place and we feel the trust now has capacity to deliver improvement. However, we will continue to monitor carefully.

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ITEM 7

From: [redacted] [removed under s40].
Sent: 28 March 2019 14:44
To: jeremy.king [redacted] [removed under s40].
Cc: Herrington, Dominic-NSC <National.SCHOOLSCOMMISSIONER@education.gov.uk>
Steve [redacted]; [removed under s40]
DUFF, Jonathan Jonathan.DUFF@education.gov.uk>; ANCKORN, Judy
<Judy.ANCKORN@education.gov.uk>; Matt.Dunkley [redacted] ROWLAND, Deonne
<Deonne.ROWLAND@education.gov.uk>; [redacted]
[redacted] [removed under s40].Cathie.Paine [redacted] [removed
under s40].Christopher.Russell [redacted] [removed under s40].
Subject: Minded to Terminate letter to REAch2 Academy Trust

Dear Mr King,

On behalf of Dominic Herrington the Regional Schools Commissioner for South East and South London, please see the Minded to Terminate Letter in regard to Copperfield Academy's recent Inadequate judgement. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Kind regards

[redacted] [removed under s40]
Early Years and Schools Group
Department For Education
[redacted] [removed under s40]

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The Members and Trustees of REAch2 Academy Trust
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28 March 2019

Dear Mr King,

Minded to Terminate Letter to the Members and Trustees of the REAch2 Academy Trust in respect of Copperfield Academy

In accordance with section 2A of the Academies Act 2010¹, any funding agreement of an academy may be terminated by the Secretary of State where special measures are required to be taken in relation to the academy, or the academy requires significant improvement and the Chief Inspector of Ofsted has given notice of that under section 13(3) (a) of the Education Act 2005.

On 8 March 2019, I received an Ofsted report confirming that Copperfield Academy was judged to be inadequate and requires special measures. Principally, because the academy is failing to give pupils an acceptable standard of education and the persons responsible for leading, managing, or governing the school are not demonstrating the capacity to secure the necessary improvement in the school. Of particularly serious concern are Ofsted's conclusions that:

- Over time, the trust has not been effective in supporting the school to improve
- Teaching, learning and assessment in key stages 1 and 2 are inadequate
- Pupils, including pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), do not make enough progress in reading, writing and mathematics
- Disadvantaged pupils in key stages 1 and 2 make weak progress because additional funding is not spent effectively

As the Regional Schools Commissioner acting on behalf of the Secretary of State, I need to be satisfied this academy can achieve rapid and sustained improvement. If not, I will consider issuing a Termination Warning Notice.

To this end, I expect to see a number of significant improvements at Copperfield Academy. There are five specific conditions of improvement which, if breached, will

¹ Inserted by section 14 of the Education and Adoption Act 2016

cause the Department to consider formal termination of the academy's supplemental funding agreement. These are:

1. That you provide an up-to-date school improvement plan for the school, which demonstrates a clear plan to address the concerns raised by Ofsted.
2. That, consistent with the school improvement plan, pupil outcomes and progress show significant improvements in the 2018/19 academic year.
3. That subsequent monitoring inspections by Ofsted show that leaders at the academy and academy trust are taking effective action towards the removal of the Inadequate designation.
4. That the academy moves out of category at its next Section 5 Ofsted inspection.
5. That no other REAch2 academy in the SESL region is judged Inadequate. It is crucial that standards across the trust's other schools are secure whilst Copperfield is supported to improve.

We request that you provide the formal school improvement plan for the academy and any other representations you wish to make by Tuesday 16 April 2019, copied to Deonne Rowland, Deputy Director, and Alex O'Fee-Worth, National & Complex Case Unit Lead.

We are copying this letter to the CEO of REAch2 Academy Trust, Kent County Council, and our regional counterparts in Ofsted and the Education & Skills Funding Agency. This letter will be published on www.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely



Dominic Herrington Regional Schools Commissioner for South East and South London

CC: Sir Steve Lancashire, Chief Executive Officer, REAch2 Academy Trust
Matt Dunkley, Director of Children's Services, Kent County Council
Chris Russell, Regional Director for the South-East, Ofsted
Judy Anckorn, Deputy Director, Education & Skills Funding Agency