

# FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REDACTION SHEET

## SHAFTON PRIMARY ACADEMY

### FUNDING AGREEMENT

#### Exemptions in full

n/a

#### Partial exemptions

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#### Factors for disclosure

- further to the understanding of and increase participation in the public debate of issues concerning Academies.
- to ensure transparency in the accountability of public funds

#### Factors for Withholding

- To comply with obligations under the Data Protection Act

#### Reasons why public interest favours withholding information

Whilst releasing the majority of the Shafton Primary Academy Funding Agreement will further the public understanding of Academies. The whole of the Shafton Primary Academy Funding Agreement cannot be revealed. If the personal information redacted was to be revealed under the FOI Act, Personal Data and Commercial interests would be prejudiced.

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**SCHEDULE 1**

**MODEL SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT**

**THIS AGREEMENT** made

**BETWEEN**

(1) **THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EDUCATION**; and

(2) **ACADEMIES ENTERPRISE TRUST (The “Company”)**

**IS SUPPLEMENTAL TO THE MASTER FUNDING AGREEMENT** made between the same parties and dated 10<sup>th</sup> July 2008 and varied by deed on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2009 (the “**Master Agreement**”).

**1 DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION**

1.1 Except as expressly provided in this Agreement words and expressions defined in the Master Agreement shall have the same meanings in this Agreement as were ascribed to them in the Master Agreement.

1.2 The following words and expressions shall have the following meanings:

“the Academy” means the Shafton Primary Academy to be established at Shafton Primary School, High Street, Shafton, Barnsley, South Yorkshire, S72 8QA.

“Academy Financial Year” means the year from 1<sup>st</sup> September to 31<sup>st</sup> August or such other period as the Secretary of State may from time to time specify by notice in writing to the Company;

“Chief Inspector” means Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills or his successor;

“Control” in relation to a body corporate (‘Entity’) means either the legal or beneficial ownership of 30 per cent or more of the issued shares in the Entity ordinarily having voting rights or the power of a person (‘A’) otherwise to secure –

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(a) either by means of the holding of shares in that Entity or having an interest conferring voting rights at general meetings of the membership of the Entity or of any other body corporate;

(b) by virtue or any powers conferred by the articles of association or other document regulating that Entity or any other Entity or partnership including, without limitation, the power to appoint or remove a majority of the governing body thereof, or

(c) by virtue of any agreement, understanding or arrangement between any person or persons,

that the affairs of the first-mentioned Entity are conducted in accordance with the wishes of A and 'Controls' shall be construed accordingly;

"the Land" means the publicly funded land (including for the avoidance of doubt all buildings, structures landscaping and other erections) situated at and known as Shafton Primary School, High Street, Shafton, Barnsley, South Yorkshire, S72 8QA.

"SEN" means special educational needs, and the expressions "special educational needs" and "special educational provision" have the meaning set out in section 312 of the Education Act 1996.

1.3 Reference in this Agreement to clauses and Annexes shall, unless otherwise stated, be to clauses and annexes of this Agreement.

1.4 All references in the Master Agreement to DCFS shall mean a reference to DfE.

1.5 All references in the Master Agreement to the Department for Children, Families and School shall mean a reference to the Department for Education.

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**2 THE ACADEMY**

- 2.1 The Company will establish and maintain, and carry on or provide for the carrying on of the Academy in accordance with the Master Agreement (as amended by this Agreement) and this Agreement.
- 2.2 The curriculum provided by the Academy to pupils up to the age of 16 shall be broad and balanced.
- 2.3 The requirements for the admission of pupils to the Academy are set out at Annex 1.
- 2.4 The requirements for the arrangements for pupils with Special Educational Needs ('SEN') and disabilities are set out at Annex 2.

**ACADEMY OPENING DATE**

- 2.5 The Academy shall open as a school on 1 December 2012 replacing Shafton Primary School which shall cease to be maintained by the Local Authority on that date, which date shall be the conversion date within the meaning of the Academies Act 2010.
- 2.6 The planned capacity of the Academy is 231 in the age range 4-11.

**3 CAPITAL GRANT**

- 3.1 Pursuant to clause 62 of the Master Funding Agreement, the Secretary of State may, in his absolute discretion provide Capital Expenditure funding in accordance with any arrangements he considers appropriate.

**4 GAG AND EAG**

- 4.1 The Secretary of State agrees to pay GAG and EAG to the Company in relation to the Academy in accordance with the Master Agreement (as amended by this Agreement)

**4A COMPLAINTS**

- 4A.1 If a complaint is made about matters arising in whole or in part prior to the opening of any Academy, as referred to in clause 2.4 of this Agreement, and all or part of that complaint was being or had been investigated by the Local Government Ombudsman under Part III or the Local Government Act 1974

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('Part III') or that complaint in whole or in part could have been investigated under Part III had the school the Academy replaced remained a maintained school, the Company:

- a) will abide by the provisions of Part III as though the Academy were a maintained school;
- b) agrees that the Secretary of State shall have the power to investigate the matter complained of as if it had taken place after conversion;
- c) agrees to act in accordance with any recommendation from the Secretary of State as though that recommendation had been made under Part III and the Academy were a maintained school.

4A.2 If the Secretary of State could have given an order and/or a direction under section 496 and/or section 497 of the Education Act 1996 to the governing body of the school the Academy replaced (as referred to in clause 2.4 of the relevant supplemental agreement) and that order and/or direction related to matters occurring within the 12 months immediately prior to conversion, the Company agrees:

- a) the Secretary of State may give orders and/or directions to the Company as though the Academy were a maintained school and sections 496 and 497 applied to the governing body of that maintained school;
- b) to act in accordance with any such order and/or direction from the Secretary of State.

## **5 TERMINATION**

5.1 Either party may give not less than seven Academy Financial Years' written notice to terminate this Agreement, such notice to expire on 31 August 2019 or any subsequent anniversary of that date.

5.2 If the Secretary of State is of the opinion that the Academy no longer has the characteristics set out in clause 13 of the Master Agreement (as amended by this Agreement) or that the conditions and requirements set out in clauses 14 to 56D of the Master Agreement (as amended by this Agreement) are not

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being met, or that the Company is otherwise in material breach of the provisions of this Agreement or the Master Agreement (as amended by this Agreement, the Secretary of State may give notice of his provisional intention to terminate this Agreement.

5.3 Any such notice shall be in writing and shall:

a) state the grounds on which the Secretary of State considers the Academy no longer has the characteristics set out in clause 13 of the Master Agreement (as amended by this Agreement) or is not meeting the conditions and requirements of clauses 14 to 56D of the Master Agreement (as amended by this Agreement) or the Company is otherwise in material breach of the provisions of this Agreement or the Master Agreement (as amended by this Agreement);

b) specify the measures needed to remedy the situation or breach;

c) specify a reasonable date by which these measures are to be implemented; and

d) state the form in which the Company is to provide its response and a reasonable date by which it must be provided.

5.4 If no response is received by the date specified in accordance with clause 5.3(d), the Secretary of State may give the Company 12 months, or such lesser period as he considers appropriate in the circumstances, written notice to terminate this Agreement.

5.5 If a response is received by the date specified in accordance with clause 5.3(d), the Secretary of State shall consider it, and any representations made by the Company, and shall, within three months of its receipt, indicate that:

a) he is content with the response and/or that the measures which he specified are being implemented; or

b) he is content, subject to any further measures he reasonably specifies being implemented by a specified date or any evidence he requires that implementation of such measures have been successfully completed; or

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- c) he is not satisfied, that he does not believe that he can be reasonably satisfied, and that he will proceed to terminate the Agreement.
- 5.6 In the circumstances of clause 5.5(c) the Secretary of State shall notify the Company why he believes that he cannot be reasonably satisfied and, if so requested by the Company within thirty days from such notification, he shall meet a deputation including representatives from directors of the Company and the Local Governing Body of the Academy to discuss his concerns. If following such meeting he has good reasons for remaining satisfied that the Academy does not and will not have the characteristics set out in 13 of the Master Agreement (as amended by this Agreement) or does not and will not meet the conditions and requirements set out in clauses 14 to 56D of the Master Agreement (as amended by this Agreement) or the Company is in material breach of the provisions of this Agreement or the Master Agreement (as amended by this Agreement) and such breach will not be remedied to his reasonable satisfaction, he shall give the Company twelve months written notice to terminate this Agreement.
- 5.7 If the Secretary of State has cause to serve a notice on the Company under section 165 of the Education Act 2002 and a determination (from which all rights of appeal have been exhausted) has been made that the Academy shall be struck off the Register of Independent Schools, the period of twelve months notice referred to in clause 5.6 may be shortened to a period deemed appropriate by the Secretary of State.
- 5.8 The Secretary of State shall, at a date preceding the start of each Academy Financial Year, provide to the Company an indication of the level of funding to be provided by the Secretary of State to the Company by way of GAG and EAG in the next following Academy Financial Year (the "Indicative Funding"). If the Company is of the opinion that, after receipt of the Indicative Funding for the next following Academy Financial Year (the "Critical Year") and of the taking into account all other resources available and likely to be available to the Academy, including such funds as are set out in clause 117 of the Master Agreement (as amended by this Agreement) and such other funds as are and likely to be available to the Academy from other academies operated by the Company ("All Other Resources"), it is likely that the cost of running the Academy during the Critical Year would cause the Company, on the basis of

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the Indicative Funding, to become insolvent (and for this reason only) then the Company may give notice of its intention to terminate this Agreement at the end of the then current Academy Financial Year.

5.9 Any notice given by the Company under clause 5.8 above shall be in writing and shall be served on the Secretary of State not later than 28 February preceding the Critical Year or, if the Secretary of State shall not have given notice of the Indicative Funding to the Company on or before the date specified in clause 5.8 above, within six weeks after the Secretary of State shall have done so. The notice must specify:

- a) the grounds upon which the Company's opinion is based and include the evidence of those grounds and any professional accounting advice the Company has received and including a detailed statement of steps which the Company proposes to take with a view to ensuring that as soon as reasonably practicable the costs of running the Academy are reduced sufficiently to ensure that such costs are less than the Indicative Funding 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 Indicative Funding and All Other Resources expected to be available to the Company 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").

5.10 Both parties undertake to use their best endeavours to agree whether or not the cost of running the Academy during the Critical Year would cause the Company, on the basis of the Indicative Funding and All Other Resources, 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 undertake to use their best endeavours to agree a practical solution to the problem.

5.11 If no agreement is reached by 30 April (or such other date as may be agreed between the parties) as to whether the cost of running the Academy during the Critical Year on the basis of the Indicative Funding and All Other



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Resources would cause the Company to become insolvent, then that question shall be referred to an independent expert (the “Expert”) for resolution. The Expert’s determination shall be final and binding on both parties. The Expert shall be requested to specify in his determination the amount of the shortfall in funding (the “Shortfall”). The Expert shall 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 shall be appointed by the President for the time being of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales. The Expert’s fees shall be borne equally between the parties.

- 5.12 The Expert shall 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 large schools. If the parties fail to agree upon the appointment of the educational specialist then the educational specialist shall be appointed by the Chairman for the time being of the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust. The educational specialist’s fees shall be borne equally between the parties.
- 5.13 If the Expert determines that the cost of running the Academy during the Critical Year would cause the Company, on the basis of the Indicative Funding and All Other Resources, to become insolvent, and the Secretary of State shall not have agreed to provide sufficient additional funding to cover the Shortfall, then the Company shall be entitled to terminate this Agreement, by notice expiring on 31 August prior to the Critical Year. Any such notice shall be given within 21 days after (a) the Expert’s determination shall have been given to the parties or (b), if later, the Secretary of State shall have given written notice of his refusal to provide sufficient additional funding for the Academy to cover the Shortfall.
- 5.14 If the Company shall have given notice to terminate the Agreement under clause 5.13, the Secretary of State may by notice in writing to the Company require the Company to appoint up to two persons as directors of the Company in accordance with the Articles.
- 5.15 The Secretary of State may at any time by notice in writing terminate this Agreement forthwith if the Academy has ceased (except where such

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cessation occurs temporarily by reason of an event beyond the reasonable control of the Company) to operate as an Academy within the meaning of Section 1 of the Academies Act 2010.

- 5.16 A “Special Measures Termination Event Occurs” when:
- a) the Chief Inspector gives a notice to the Company in accordance with section 13(3) of the Education Act 2005 (the “Special Measures Notice”) stating that in his opinion special measures are required to be taken in relation to the Academy; and
  - b) the Chief Inspector carries out a subsequent inspection of the Academy in accordance with the Education Act 2005 and makes a report in accordance with the Education Act 2005 stating that the Academy has made inadequate progress since the date of the Special Measures Notice; and
  - c) the Secretary of State shall have requested the Company to deliver within 10 Business Days a written statement (a “Further Action Statement”) of the action the Company proposes to take, and the period within which it proposes to take such action, or, if it does not propose to take any action, the reasons for not doing so; and
  - d) the Secretary of State, having considered the Further Action Statement, is not satisfied that any action proposed to be taken by the Company is sufficient in all the circumstances, or, if no Further Action Statement shall have been given to the Secretary of State within the requested timeframe or otherwise.
- 5.17 If a Special Measures Termination Event occurs, the Secretary of State may:
- a) by notice in writing to the Company terminate this Agreement forthwith; or
  - b) subject to clause 140 of the Master Agreement (as amended by this Agreement), appoint such Further Directors to the Company as he thinks fit in accordance with the Articles and/or may provide up to 12 months’ notice in writing to terminate this Agreement.

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- 5.18 In the event that the Secretary of State appoints Further Directors in accordance with clause 140(b) of the Master Agreement (as amended by this Agreement), the Company must, upon the request of the Secretary of State, procure the resignation of the Directors appointed in accordance with Article 50 of the Articles of Association.
- 5.19 If, following the exercise of the Secretary of State's powers to appoint Additional Directors or Further Directors, pursuant to the Articles of Association the Members pass an ordinary or special resolution to remove one or more of those Additional or Further Directors appointed by the Secretary of State, the Secretary of State may give the Company 12 months, or such lesser period as he considers appropriate in the circumstances, written notice to terminate this Agreement.

**CHANGE OF CONTROL OF THE COMPANY**

- 5.20 The Secretary of State may at any time by notice in writing, subject to clause 5.22 below, terminate this Agreement forthwith (or on such other date as he may in his absolute discretion determine) in the event that there is a change:
- a) in the Control of the Company;
  - b) in the Control of a legal entity that Controls the Company.

Provided that where a person ('P') is a member or director of the body corporate (as a corporation sole or otherwise) by virtue of an office, no change of Control arises merely by P's successor becoming a member or director in P's place.

- 5.21 The Company shall, as soon as it is reasonably practicable to do so after it has become aware of any change or proposed change of Control within the meaning of clause 5.20, give written notice to the Secretary of State of such change or proposed change of Control.
- 5.22 When notifying the Secretary of State further to clause 5.21, the Company may seek the Secretary of State's agreement that, if he is satisfied that the

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person assuming Control is suitable, he will not in those circumstances exercise his right to terminate this Agreement further to clause 5.20.

**6 EFFECT OF TERMINATION**

- 6.1 In the event of termination of this Agreement however occurring, the school shall cease to be an Academy within the meaning of Section 1 of the Academies Act 2010.
- 6.2 Subject to clause 6.3, if the Secretary of State terminates this Agreement for reasons other than that a Special Measure Termination Event occurs, the Academy no longer has the characteristics set out in clause 13 of the Master Agreement (as amended by this Agreement), or is no longer meeting the conditions and requirements set out in clauses 14 to 56D of the Master Agreement (as amended by this Agreement) or that the Company is otherwise in material breach of the provisions of this Agreement or the Master Agreement (as amended by this Agreement), the Secretary of State shall indemnify the Company.
- 6.3 The amount of any such indemnity shall be determined by the Secretary of State having regard to any representations made to him by the Company, and shall be paid at such times and in such manner as the Secretary of State may reasonably think fit.
- 6.4 The categories of expenditure incurred by the Company in consequence of the termination of the Agreement in respect of which the Secretary of State shall indemnify the Company include (but not by way of limitation), staff compensation and redundancy payments, compensation payments in respect of broken contracts, expenses of disposing of assets or adapting them for other purposes, legal and other professional fees, and dissolution expenses.
- 6.5 Subject to clause 6.6, on the termination of this Agreement however occurring, the Company shall in respect of any of its capital assets at the date of termination:
- a) promptly transfer a proportion of the assets to a person nominated by the Secretary of State, if the Secretary of State considers that all or some of those assets need to be used for educational purposes by that nominee. The proportion of the assets to be transferred shall be

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the same as the proportion of the capital contribution made by the Secretary of State to the original value of those assets, whether that contribution was made on the establishment of the Academy or later;  
or

- b) if the Secretary of State confirms that a transfer under clause 6.5(a) is not required, promptly repay to the Secretary of State a sum equivalent to the percentage of the value of the assets at the date of termination, or, by agreement with the Secretary of State, at the date of subsequent disposal of those assets. Such percentage to be the same as the percentage of the capital contribution made by the Secretary of State to the original value of those assets, whether that contribution was made on the establishment of the Academy or later.

6.6 The Secretary of State may waive in whole or in part the repayment due under clause 6.5(b) if:

- a) The Company obtains his permission to invest the proceeds of sale for its charitable objects; or
- b) The Secretary of State directs all or part of the repayment to be paid to the L A.

6.7 The sale or disposal by other means of publicly funded land held for the purposes of an Academy is now governed by Part 3 of Schedule 1 to the Academies Act 2010.

### **Restrictions on Land transfer**

6A Recognising that they are or will be receiving publicly funded land at nil consideration (which for the purposes of this transaction shall include leases granted at a peppercorn rent) the Company:

- a) shall, within 28 days from the transfer to it of the Land, apply to the Land Registry for a restriction in the proprietorship register (under section 43(1)(a) of the Land Registration Act 2002 in Form RX1 as prescribed by Rule 91 and Schedule 4 of the Land Registration Rules 2003) in the following terms:

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*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) shall take any further steps required to ensure that the restriction referred to in clause 6A(a) is entered on the proprietorship register,

c) shall provide the Secretary of State with confirmation of the entry of the restriction referred to in clause 6A(a) as soon as practicable after it receives notification from the Land Registry,

d) in the event that it has not registered the restriction referred to in clause 6A(a), hereby consents to the entering of the restriction referred to in 6A(a) in the register by the Secretary of State (under s. 43(1)(b) of the Land Registration Act 2002),

e) shall not, without the consent of the Secretary of State, apply to dis-apply, modify or remove (by cancellation or otherwise) a restriction entered in accordance with clause 6A(a) or 6A(d) above, whether by itself, a holding company, a subsidiary company, or a receiver, administrator or liquidator acting in the name of the Company.

**7 ANNEX**

7.1 The Annex to this Agreement forms part of and is incorporated into this Agreement.

**8 THE MASTER AGREEMENT**

8.1 Except as expressly provided in this Agreement the Master Agreement shall continue in full force and effect.

8.2 The wording in clause 10 in the Master Agreement is deleted replaced with the following wording for the purpose of this Agreement;

“Section 1(3) of the Academies Act 2010 states that -

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An Academy agreement is an agreement between the Secretary of State and the other party under which-

- (a) the other party gives the undertakings in subsection (5), and
- (b) the Secretary of State agrees to make payments to the other party in consideration of those undertakings.”

8.3 The wording in clause 11 in the Master Agreement is replaced with the following wording for the purpose of this Agreement;

“In consideration of the Company undertaking to establish and maintain, and to carry on or provide for the carrying on of, of a number of independent schools in England specially organised to make special educational provision for pupils with SEN (“the Special Academies”) or having the characteristics referred to in clause 13 (“the Mainstream Academies”), the Secretary of State agrees to make payments to the Company in accordance with the conditions and requirements set out in this Agreement and Supplemental Agreements. If it is agreed between the Secretary of State and the Company that the Company will establish and maintain, and to carry on or provide for the carrying on of an Academy, the parties will enter into a Supplemental Agreement in relation to that Academy. For the avoidance of doubt, any obligations imposed upon or powers given to an Academy by this Agreement or any Supplemental Agreement are also imposed upon the Company.”

8.4 For the purpose of this Agreement clause 12 of the Master Agreement does not apply.

8.5 The wording in Clause 13 in the Master Agreement is replaced with the following wording for the purpose of this Agreement;

“The characteristics of a Mainstream Academy are as set down in Section 1A(1) of the Academies Act 2010:

- b) It is an independent school,
- c) it has a curriculum satisfying the requirements of section 78 of the Education Act 2002 (balanced and broadly based curriculum),

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- d) it provides education for pupils of different abilities
- e) it provides education for pupils who are wholly or mainly drawn from the area in which the school is situated, and
- f) it is not an alternative provisions Academy.”

8.6 The wording in clause 14 in the Master Agreement is replaced with the following wording for the purpose of this Agreement;

“Other conditions and requirements in respect of the Academy are that:

- a) the school will be at the heart of its community, promoting community cohesion and sharing facilities with other schools and the wider community;
- b) there will be assessments of pupils performance as they apply to maintained schools and the opportunity to study for relevant qualifications in accordance with clause 42 (d) in the Master Agreement (as amended by this Agreement);
- c) in respect of the Academy, the admissions policy and arrangements for the school will be in accordance with admissions law, and the DfE Codes of Practice, as they apply to maintained schools;
- d) teachers’ levels of pay and conditions of service for all employees will be the responsibility of the Company;
- e) there will be an emphasis on the needs of the individual pupils including pupils with SEN, both those with and without statements of SEN;
- f) there will be no charge in respect of admission to the school and the school will only charge pupils where the law allows maintained schools to charge.
- g) the Company shall as soon as reasonably practicable establish an appropriate mechanism for the receipt and management of donations and shall use reasonable endeavours to procure donations through



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that mechanism for the purpose of the objects specified in the Articles.”

- 8.7 New clause 14A consisting of the following wording is inserted into the Master Agreement for the purpose of this Agreement.

“Clause 14(f) does not prevent the Company receiving funds from a local authority or a charity in respect of the admission of a pupil with special educational needs to an Academy.”

- 8.8 Clause 18 does not apply for the purpose of this Agreement.

- 8.9 The wording in clause 18A in the Master Agreement is deleted and replaced with the following wording for the purpose of this Agreement;

“The Company will in respect of each Academy act in accordance with, and be bound by, all relevant statutory and regulatory provisions and have regard to any guidance and codes of practice issued pursuant to such provisions, as they apply at any time to a maintained school, relating to the designation of a person to manage the teaching and learning programme for children who are looked after by an LA and are registered pupils at the school. For the purpose of this clause, any reference to the governing body of a maintained school in such statutory and regulatory provisions, or in any guidance and code of practice issued pursuant to such provisions, shall be deemed to be references to the Directors of the Company.”

Clauses 19 to 21 in the Master Agreement do not apply for the purpose of this Agreement.

- 8.10 The wording in clause 22 in the Master Agreement is deleted and replaced with the following wording for the purpose of this Agreement;

“The Academy will be an all ability inclusive school whose requirements for:

- a) the admission of pupils to the Academy are set out in the relevant annex to the Supplemental Agreement;

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- b) the admission to the Academy of and support for pupils with SEN and with disabilities (for pupils who have and who do not have statements of SEN) are set out in Annex 2 to this Agreement;
  - c) pupil exclusions are set out in regulations made by virtue of section 51A of the Education Act 2002 (as may be amended or modified from time to time, and includes any successor provisions).”
- 8.11 Clauses 26 to 32 in the Master Agreement are deleted and so not apply for the purpose of this Agreement.
- 8.12 The wording in clauses 33 to 41 in the Master Agreement are replaced with the following new clauses 33 to 41B wording for the purpose of this Agreement;
- 33. The curriculum provided by the Academy to pupils up to the age of 16 shall be broad and balanced.
  - 34. The Company shall publish information in relation to the current curriculum provision at the Academy. Such information shall include details relating to:
    - a) the content of the curriculum;
    - b) its approach to the curriculum;
    - c) the GCSE option (and other Key Stage 4 qualifications) offered by each Academy;
    - d) the names of any phonics or reading schemes in operation for Key Stage 1; and
    - e) how parents (including prospective parents) can obtain further information in relation to the curriculum at each Academy.
  - 35. Subject to the requirements of clauses 34 to 41B, the curriculum will be the responsibility of the Academy Trust.
  - 36. The Company shall ensure that the broad and balanced curriculum includes English, Mathematics and Science.

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37. Sections 42A (provision of careers guidance) and 45A (guidance as to discharge of duties) of the Education Act 1997 shall be deemed to apply to the Academy with the following modifications:
- a) the Academy shall be treated as falling within the meaning of “a school” under section 42A (2);
  - b) the Company shall be deemed to be the “responsible authorities” for the purposes of subsection 42A(3); and
  - c) references to registered pupils shall be treated as references to registered pupils at the Academy
38. The Company shall make provision for the teaching of religious education and for a daily act of collective worship at the Academy.
39. As the Academy has not been designated with a religious character in accordance with section 124B of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 or further to Section 6(8) of the Academies Act 2010:
- a) subject to clause 40, the Company shall ensure that provision shall be made for religious education to be given to all pupils at the Academy in accordance with the requirements for agreed syllabuses in section 375(3) of the Education Act 1996 and paragraph 2(5) of Schedule 19 to the School Standards and Framework Act 1998;
  - b) subject to clause 40, the Company shall ensure that the Academy complies with the requirements of section 70(1) of, and Schedule 20 to, the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 as if it were a community, foundation or voluntary school which does not have a religious character, except that the provisions of paragraph 4 of that Schedule do not apply. The Academy may apply to the Secretary of State for consent to be relieved of the requirement imposed by paragraph 3(2) of that Schedule, the Secretary of State’s consent to such an application not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

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- c) the Company:
  - (1) agrees that before making an application pursuant to the Religious Character of Schools (Designation Procedure) (Independent Schools) (England) Regulations 2003 for each Academy to be designated as a school with religious character it shall seek the prior written consent of the Secretary of State;
  - (2) hereby acknowledges that the Secretary of State may in his absolute discretion refuse or consent to the Company making such an application.
  
- 40. Section 71(1) – (6) and (8) of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 shall apply as if each Academy were a community, foundation or voluntary school, and as if references to “religious education” and to “religious worship” in that section were references to the religious education and religious worship provided by the Academy in accordance with clauses 39 as appropriate.
  
- 41A. The Company shall have regard to any guidance issued by the Secretary of State, 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 they learn the nature of marriage and its importance for family life and for bringing up children. The Company shall also have regard to the requirements set out in section 405 of the Education Act 1996 which shall apply to the Academy as if it were a maintained school.
  
- 41B The Company agrees to act in accordance with Sections 406 (Political Indoctrination) and 407 (Duty to secure balance treatment of political issues) of the Education Act 1996 as if it were a maintained school, subject to the following modifications:
  - a) references to any maintained school shall be treated as references to the Academy;
  - b) references to registered pupils shall be treated as references to registered pupils at the Academy;

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- c) references to the governing body or the local authority shall, in each case, be treated as references to the Company; and
- d) references to the head teacher shall, in each case, be treated as references to the Principal of the Academy.”

8.14 Clauses 42 to 49 in the Master Agreement do not apply for the purpose of this Agreement and are replaced by the following new clauses 42 and 43 for the purpose of this Agreement;

“42. The Secretary of State will notify the appropriate body for assessment purposes about the Academy.

- a) The Company shall ensure that the Academy complies with any guidance issued by the Secretary of State from time to time to ensure that pupils take part in assessments and in teacher assessments of pupil’s performance as they apply to maintained schools.
- b) The Company shall report to any body on assessments under clause 42 as the Secretary of State shall prescribe and shall provide such information as may be required by that body as applies to maintained schools.
- c) In respect of all Key Stages, the Company will submit each Academy to monitoring and moderation of its assessment arrangements as prescribed by the Secretary of State.
- d) The Company may not offer courses at any Academy which lead to relevant qualifications, as defined in section 96 of the Learning and Skills Act 2000, unless the Secretary of State gives specific approval for such courses.

43. The Company shall ensure that the following information is published on the website for the Academy:

- a) The school’s most recent key stage 2 results as published by the Secretary of State under the following column headings in the School Performance Tables published on the Department

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for Education's website:

- (i) "% achieving Level 4 or above in English and Maths";
  - (ii) "% making expected progress";
  - (iii) in relation to English, "% achieving Level 5 or above"; and
  - (iv) in relation to Maths, "%achieving Level 5 or above".
- b) The school's most recent key stage 4 results as published by the Secretary of State under the following column headings in the School Performance Tables published on the Department for Education's website:
- (i) "% achieving 5 + A\* - C GCSEs (or equivalent) including English and Maths GCSEs";
  - (ii) "% achieving the English Baccalaureate"; and
  - (iii) "% of pupils making expected progress".
- c) Information as to where and by what means parents (including prospective parents) may access the most recent report about the school published by her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills.
- d) Information as to where and by what means parents (including prospective parents) may access the School Performance Tables published by the Secretary of State on the Department for Education's website."

8.15 Clause 50 of the Master Agreement does not apply for the purpose of this Agreement.

8.16 Clauses 51-53 in the Master Agreement do not apply for the purpose of this Agreement and are replaced by the following new clauses 51 and 52 for purpose of this Agreement;

"51. The Company shall, if requested to do so by or on behalf of any pupils at any Academy, provide school lunches for those pupils unless it

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would be unreasonable for it to do so. Subject to the provisions of clause 52 charges may be levied for lunches, but the Company shall otherwise fund the cost of such school lunches from its GAG.

52. In relation to a pupil who is himself or whose parents are in receipt of benefits mentioned in section 512ZB of the Education Act 1996 (or equivalent provision governing the entitlement to free school lunches of pupils at maintained schools), the Company shall ensure that a school lunch is provided for such a pupil free of charge to be funded out of the Company's GAG."

8.17 Clauses 55 to 56 in the Master Agreement do not apply to this Agreement.

8.18 The wording in clause 56A in the Master Agreement is deleted and replaced with the following wording for the purpose of this Agreement;

### **"International Education Surveys**

The Secretary of State may, by notice in writing to the Company, require the Company to participate in an international education survey and the Company shall, upon receipt of such notice, participate in that survey and provide to the Secretary of State or to those carrying out the survey all such assistance and information as may reasonably be required for the purposes of the Academy's participation in that survey."

8.19 The wording in Clause 56B in the Master Agreement is deleted and replaced with the following wording for the purpose of this Agreement;

### **"Pupil Premium**

The Company shall publish in each Academy Financial Year information in relation to:

- a) the amount of Pupil Premium allocation that it will receive during the Academy Financial Year;
- b) on what it intends to spend the Pupil Premium allocation;
- c) on what it spent its Pupil Premium in the previous Academy Financial Year;

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- d) the impact in educational attainment, arising from expenditure of the previous Academy Financial Year's Pupil Premium."

8.20 New clause 56C consisting of the following wording is inserted into the Master Agreement for the purpose of this Agreement;

**"Duration of the School Day and Year**

The duration of the school day and year will be the responsibility of the Company"

8.21 New clause 56D consisting of the following wording is inserted into the Master Agreement for the purpose of this Agreement;

**"Criminal Records Bureau Checks**

The Company shall comply with the requirements of the Education (Independent School Standards) (England) Regulations 2010 (or such regulations as may for some time being be applicable) in relation to carrying out enhanced criminal records checks, obtaining enhanced criminal records certificates and making any further checks, as required and appropriate for members of staff, supply staff, individual Directors and the Chair of the Local Governing Body."

8.22 The wording in sub clauses 60(c) and 60 (g) in the Master Agreement are deleted and replaced with the following wording for the purpose of this Agreement;

- "c) the installation of electrical, mechanical or other services other than necessary replacements, repairs and maintenance due to normal wear and tear;

- g) the provision and equipping of premises, including playing fields and other facilities for social activities and physical recreation other than necessary replacements, repairs and maintenance due to normal wear and tear;"

8.23 New sub clause 64(c) consisting of the following wording is inserted into the Master Agreement for the purpose of this Agreement;



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“c) Any other conditions that the Secretary of State may specify”

8.24 Clauses 65-81 in the Master Agreement do not apply for the purpose of this Agreement.

8.25 The wording in clause 82 in the Master Agreement is replaced with the following wording for the purpose of this Agreement;

“Capital Grant will be paid by the Secretary of State to the Company on the basis of claims for grant submitted to the Secretary of State in the notified format with supporting invoices and certificates as required by the Secretary of State. If a dispute arises as to whether a claim is or is not acceptable both parties undertake to attempt to resolve it in good faith. In the event of such a dispute, the Secretary of State shall pay to the Company so much of the claim as shall not be in dispute.”

8.26 Clauses 83-87A in the Master Agreement do not apply for the purpose of this Agreement.

8.27 The wording in sub clause 88(g) in the Master Agreement is deleted and replaced with the following wording for the purpose of this Agreement;

“g) insurance, provided that the Secretary of State shall not be obliged to pay GAG in relation to insurance to the extent that insurance and/or comparable arrangements are made available to the Company (whether at a cost to the Company or otherwise and whether made available by and/or on behalf of the Secretary of State or otherwise) save that, to the extent that such insurance and/or comparable arrangements as may be made available constitute a cost for the Company, the Secretary of State shall provide a contribution through GAG in relation to such cost;”

8.28 Clauses 89 to 109 in the Master Agreement do not apply to this Agreement and are replaced with the following new clauses 89 To 109 for the purpose of this Agreement;

“89. Subject to clauses 97 to 98, GAG for each Academy Financial Year for the Academy will include;

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- a) funding equivalent to that which would be received by a maintained school with similar characteristics, determined by the Secretary of State and notified in the Annual Letter of Funding or its equivalent, taking account of the number of pupils at each Academy;
  - b) funding in respect of functions which would be carried out by the LA if each Academy was a maintained school.
90. The GAG for each Academy Financial Year for the Academy will also include, payable on a basis equivalent to that applied to maintained schools:
- a) 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
  - b) payments in respect of further, specific grants made available to maintained schools, where the Academy meets the requisite conditions and criteria necessary for a maintained school to receive these grants.
91. Subject to clause 93, the basis of the pupil number count for the purposes of determining GAG for the Academy Financial Year in which the Academy opens shall be the same basis as that used by the Local Authority for determining the budget share of the predecessor maintained school as adjusted by numbers counted in any subsequent Schools Census, as determined by the Secretary of State. In subsequent years the basis of the pupil count will be as determined by the Secretary of State.
92. Subject to clause 93, the basis of the pupil number count for the purpose of determining GAG for the Academy for Academy Financial Years after the Academy Financial Year in which the Academy opens will be:
- a) for the pupil number count for pupils in Year 11 and below, the Schools Census which is used to fund maintained schools for the

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financial year overlapping with the Academy Financial Year in question; and

- b) for the pupil number count for pupils in Year 12 and above, the formula which for the time being is in use for maintained schools for the calculation of pupil numbers for pupils in Year 12 and above for the purpose of calculating their level of funding.

93. Where either of the following conditions applies in respect of an Academy Financial Year, the basis of the pupil count shall be determined by the Secretary of State, taking account of any diseconomies of scale that the Academy will be under as a result of such condition(s) applying. The conditions are:

- a) not all planned Year-groups will be present at the Academy (that is, not all the pupil cohorts relevant to the age-range of the Academy will have some pupils present); or
- b) the total number of pupils as measured in the Schools Census which is used to fund maintained schools for the financial year overlapping with the Academy Financial Year in question is less than 90% of the planned final size of the Academy, as specified in the Academy's Supplemental Agreement, and has not at any previous time been greater than 90% of that number.

94. For any Academy Financial Year in which GAG for the Academy has been calculated in accordance with clause 91, no adjustment shall be made to the following Academy Financial Year's formula funding element of GAG for that Academy to recognise variation from the pupil count basis used.

95. For any Academy Financial Year in which GAG for the Academy is calculated in accordance with clause 92, no adjustment will be made to the formula funding element in the following Academy Financial Year's formula funding element of GAG unless the Company demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Secretary of State that there has been a significant impact on costs, such as an extra class. For any other element of GAG the Secretary of State may make adjustments to

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recognise a variation in pupil numbers from that used to calculate the element of grant in question; the basis of these will be set out in the annual letter of funding.

96. The Secretary of State recognises that:
- a) If the Academy opens with an intake representing only a proportion of the final planned size of the Academy, payments based simply upon the number of pupils present are unlikely to be sufficient to meet the Academy's needs in the Academy Financial Years before all age groups are present at their planned size (the "Start-up Period") because of a lack of economies of scale. The Secretary of State may pay an appropriately larger GAG in the Start-up Period than would be justified solely on the basis of the methods set out in clauses 89 to 95, in order to enable the Academy to operate effectively<sup>1</sup>;
  - b) If the Academy opens with pupils transferred from one or more maintained schools which have closed, additional GAG resources may be required to take account of transitional costs including any costs associated with supporting the integration of pupils from the closed schools and, where necessary, to offer a dual curriculum. If the Secretary of State has indicated that such additional GAG will be payable, the Company will make a bid for this addition to GAG based upon need and providing appropriate supporting evidence.
97. During the Start-up Period or during the period when year groups are present who have transferred from a predecessor school or schools, the Secretary of State will pay a further element of GAG additional to that calculated in accordance with the methods set out in clauses 43 to 49 to allow the Academy to:
- a) purchase a basic stock of teaching and learning materials (including library books, text books, software, stationery, science

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<sup>1</sup> Note that a larger GAG for the Start-Up Period is only applicable to Academies with approved Expressions of Interest.

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equipment and equipment for physical education) and other consumable materials;

- b) meet the costs associated with the recruitment and induction of additional teaching and other staff.

After the Start-up Period these costs will be met through the ordinary GAG.

- 98. The Secretary of State recognises that if he serves notice of intention to terminate a Supplemental Agreement under that agreement the intake of new pupils during the notice period is likely to decline and that in such circumstances payments based simply upon the number of pupils attending the Academy are unlikely to be sufficient to meet the Academy's needs during the notice period. The Secretary of State undertakes to pay a reasonable and appropriately larger GAG with respect to that Academy in the notice period than would be justified solely on the basis of the methods set out in clauses 89 to 95, in order to enable the Academy to operate effectively.
- 99. The Secretary of State also recognises that if this Agreement or a Supplemental Agreement is terminated for any reason by either party the number of pupils at the Academy is likely to decline. In these circumstances both parties undertake to attempt to resolve issues arising from such termination in good faith and with the aim of protecting the interests and the education of the pupils at the Academy.
- 100. Subject to clause 117, GAG paid by the Secretary of State in respect of the Academy shall only be spent by the Company towards the normal running costs of that Academy.

### **Earmarked Annual Grant**

- 101. Earmarked Annual Grant ("EAG") shall be paid by the Secretary of State to the Company in respect of either recurrent or Capital Expenditure for such specific purposes as may from time to time be agreed between the Secretary of State and the Company and as described in the relevant funding letter. The Company shall only spend EAG in accordance with

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the scope, terms and conditions of the grant set out in the relevant funding letter.

102. Where the Company is seeking a specific EAG in relation to any Academy Financial Year, it shall submit a letter outlining its proposals and the reasons for its request to Academies Division, Sanctuary Buildings, Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BT.

### **Arrangements for Payment of GAG and EAG**

103. The Secretary of State shall notify the Company at a date preceding the start of each Academy Financial Year of the GAG and EAG figures in respect of the Academy which, subject to Parliamentary approval, the Secretary of State plans for that Academy Financial Year and of the assumptions and figures on which these are based.
104. If GAG or EAG is calculated incorrectly due to a mistake of the Secretary of State then:
  - a) if this leads to an underpayment of GAG, the Secretary of State will correct the underpayment in subsequent Academy Financial Years;
  - b) if this leads to an overpayment of GAG, the Secretary of State reserves the right to recover any overpaid grant in subsequent Academy Financial Years, as appropriate, having considered all the relevant circumstances and taking into account any representations from the Company.
105. If GAG or EAG is calculated incorrectly because the Company provides incorrect information to the Secretary of State then;
  - a) if this leads to an underpayment of GAG, the Secretary of State may correct the underpayment in subsequent Academy Financial Years;
  - b) if this leads to an overpayment of GAG, the Secretary of State reserves the right to recover any overpaid grant in subsequent Academy Financial Years, as appropriate, having considered

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all the relevant circumstances and taking into account any representations from the Company.

106. The amounts of GAG for an Academy Financial Year will be determined annually by the Secretary of State. The amount of GAG for the Academy for the initial Academy Financial Year will be notified to the Company in a funding letter at a date preceding that year. For subsequent years the amount of GAG will be notified to the Company in a funding letter preceding that Academy Financial Year (the "Annual Letter of Funding"). The Annual Letter of Funding will not include the amount that the Company will receive in respect of grants for which information to enable timely calculation is not available or is incomplete, such grants will be notified as soon as practicable later in the year. Amounts of EAG will be notified to the Company wherever possible in the Annual Letter of Funding or as soon as practicable thereafter.
107. The Secretary of State undertakes to pay GAG in monthly instalments on or before the twenty fifth day of each month, each such instalment to fund the salaries and other payroll costs for the relevant month of all monthly paid employees and all other costs payable during the next following month. The detailed arrangements for payment will be set out in the Annual Letter of Funding.

### **Other relevant funding**

108. The Secretary of State may meet costs incurred by the Company in connection with the transfer of employees from any predecessor school under the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006. Payment of grant in respect of such costs is to be agreed between the parties on a case by case basis and the Company shall not budget on the basis that it will receive any grant in respect of such costs unless it is specifically notified that such grant will be paid.
109. The Company may also receive funding from an LA in respect of the provision detailed in statements of SEN for pupils attending an Academy in accordance with the provisions of Section 483A of the Education Act 1996 and regulations made under that section. The Company shall

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ensure that all provision detailed in statements of SEN is provided for such pupils.”

**Financial and Accounting Requirements**

8.29 Clauses 111 to 113 in the Master Agreement do not apply to this Agreement and are replaced with the following new clauses 111 to 113 for the purpose of this Agreement;

“111. In relation to the use of grant paid to the Company by the Secretary of State, the Company shall abide by the requirements of and have regard to the guidance in the Academies Financial Handbook published by the DfE and amended from time to time and as modified to take account of the fact that the Company manages more than one Academy, which sets out in detail provisions for the financial management of each Academy including guidance on financial systems and controls and accounting and reporting requirements, in so far as these are not inconsistent with any accounting and reporting requirements and guidance that it may be subject to by virtue of its being a charity.

112. The formal budget plan must be approved each Academy Financial Year by the Directors of the Company.

113. Any payment of grant by the Secretary of State in respect of each Academy is subject to his being satisfied as to the fulfilment by the Company of the following conditions:

- a) in its conduct and operation it shall apply financial and other controls which conform to the requirements both of propriety and of good financial management;
- b) arrangements have been made to maintain proper accounting records and that statements of income and expenditure and balance sheets may be produced in such form and frequency as the Secretary of State may from time to time reasonably direct;
- c) in addition to the obligation to fulfil the statutory requirements referred to in sub-clause f) below, the Company shall prepare



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its financial statements, Directors' report, Annual Accounts and its Annual Return for each Academy Financial Year in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice as if the Company was a non-exempt Charity and/or in such form or manner and by such date as the Secretary of State may reasonably direct and shall file these with the Secretary of State and the Principal Regulator each Academy Financial Year;

- d) a statement of the accounting policies used should be sent to the Secretary of State with the financial statements and should carry an audit report stating that, in the opinion of the auditors, the statements show a true and fair view of the Company's affairs and that the grants were used for the purposes intended;
- e) the Company shall ensure that its accounts are audited annually by independent auditors appointed under arrangements approved by the Secretary of State;
- f) the Company prepares and files with the Companies Registry such annual accounts as are required by the Companies Act 2006;
- g) the Company shall publish on its website its Annual Accounts, Annual Report, Memorandum and Articles of Association, Funding Agreement and a list of the names of the Directors of the Company;
- h) the Company insures or procures insurance by another person of its assets in accordance with normal commercial practice or under the terms of any subsisting leases in respect of the leasehold interest of the site upon which each Academy is situated;

8.30 Not used

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8.31 The wording in Clause 120 of the Master Agreement is deleted and replaced with the following wording for the purpose of this Agreement;

“The Company shall provide 30 days notice to the Secretary of State, whether or not the circumstances require the Secretary of State’s consent, of its intention to:

- a) give any guarantees, indemnities or letters of comfort;
- b) write off any debts owed to it or offer to make any ex gratia payments;
- c) make any sale or purchase of freehold property; or
- d) grant or take up any leasehold or tenancy agreement for a term exceeding three years.

8.32 The wording in Clause 121 in the Master Agreement is replaced with the following wording for the purpose if this Agreement;

“Each discovered loss of an amount exceeding the amount for the time being specified by the Secretary of State and arising from suspected theft or fraud, shall be reported by the Company to the Secretary of State at the earliest opportunity.”

8.33 The wording in clause 122 in the Master Agreement is deleted and replaced with the following wording for the purpose of this Agreement;

“It is the responsibility of the Company to ensure that each Academy balances its budget from Academy Financial Year to Academy Financial Year. For the avoidance of doubt, this does not prevent the Company from:

- a) carrying a surplus from one Academy Financial Year to the next; or
- b) carrying forward from a previous Academy Financial Year or Academy Financial Years a sufficient surplus or sufficient cumulative surpluses on grants from the Secretary of State to meet an in-year deficit on such grants in a subsequent financial year; or
- c) Incurring an in-year deficit on funds from sources other than grants from the Secretary of State in any Academy Financial Year, provided it

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does not affect the Company's responsibility to ensure that the Company balances its overall budget from Academy Financial Year to Academy Financial Year. "

- 8.34 New clause 122B consisting of the following wording is inserted into the Master Agreement for the purpose of this Agreement;

"The Company shall abide by the requirements of and have regard to the Charity Commission's guidance to charities and charity trustees and in particular the Charity Commission's guidance in the Protecting Charities from Harm ('the compliance toolkit'). Any references in this document which require charity trustees to report to the Charity Commission should instead be interpreted as references to report to the Principal Regulator.

- 8.35 The wording in Clause 123 in the Master Agreement is deleted and replaced with the following wording for the purpose of this Agreement;

"The Company shall not borrow against or so as to put at risk property or assets funded (whether in whole or in part) by the Secretary of State without specific approval of the Secretary of State, such approval may only be granted in limited circumstances. The Company shall not operate an overdraft except to cover irregularities in cash flow. Such an overdraft, and the maximum amount to be borrowed, shall require approval by the Company in General Meeting and in writing by the Secretary of State, and shall be subject to any conditions which the Secretary of State may reasonably impose."

- 8.36 New clause 123A consisting of the following wording is inserted into the Master Agreement for the purpose of this Agreement;

"The Company shall provide 30 days notice to the Secretary of State of its intention to borrow, whether or not such borrowing requires the Secretary of State's approval under clause 123 above."

- 8.37 The wording in Clause 125 in the Master Agreement is deleted and replaced with the following wording for the purpose of this Agreement;

"The sale or disposal by other means, or reinvestment of proceeds from the disposal, of a capital asset by the Company shall require the consent of the

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Secretary of State, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed, where:

- a) the Secretary of State paid capital grant in excess of the value for the time being specified by the Secretary of State for the asset; or
- b) the asset was transferred to the Company from an LA for no or nominal consideration.”

8.38 New clause 125A consisting of the following wording is inserted into the Master Agreement for the purpose of this Agreement;

“Furthermore, reinvestment of a percentage of the proceeds of disposal of a capital asset paid for with a capital grant from the Secretary of State shall require the Secretary of State’s consent in the circumstances set out above and reinvestment exceeding the value for the time being specified by the Secretary of State or with other special features will be subject to Parliamentary approval. The percentage of the proceeds for which consent is needed is the percentage of the initial price of the asset which was paid by capital grant from the Secretary of State.”

8.39 The wording in clause 128 in the Master Agreement is deleted and replaced with the following wording for the purpose of this Agreement;

“Except with the consent of the Secretary of State, the Company shall not dispose of assets funded (whether in whole or in part) by the Secretary of State for a consideration less than the best price that can reasonably be obtained, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed.”

8.40 New clause 128A consisting of the following wording is inserted into the Master Agreement for the purpose of this Agreement;

“The Company shall provide 30 days notice to the Secretary of State of its intention to dispose of assets for a consideration less than the best price that can reasonably be obtained, whether or not such disposal requires the Secretary of State’s consent under clause 128 above.”

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8.41 Clauses 140-143A of the Master Agreement do not apply for the purpose of this Agreement and are replaced with the following new clause 140 for the purpose of this Agreement;

**“Appointment of Additional or Further Directors by the Secretary of State**

The Secretary of State undertakes to the Company not to exercise the powers under the Articles to appoint Additional Directors or Further Directors in the following circumstances:-

- a) if the matters giving rise to the appointment of the Additional or Further Directors relate, in the reasonable opinion of the Secretary of State, to the affairs of only one Academy; and
- b) if the Company has delegated, and continues to delegate, to a Local Governing Body of such Academy all decisions and powers that the Secretary of State reasonably considers are necessary to enable such Local Governing Body to address the matters that gave rise to the appointment of the Additional or Further Directors and to ensure that the relevant Local Governing Body is capable of properly conducting the affairs of the relevant Academy on the Company’s behalf.; and
- c) if the Company replaces such members of the Local Governing Body and/or appoints additional members of that Local Governing Body as, in either case, the Secretary of State may by notice in writing to the Company specify; and
- d) provided that such delegation is not subsequently revoked or, without the prior written consent of the Secretary of State, varied in any material respect.”

**9 ENGLISH LAW**

9.1 This Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with English law.

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This Agreement was executed as a Deed on

30/11/2012

Executed on behalf of by:

Director



In the presence of:

Witness

A. Dron

Address

[Redacted address]

Occupation

ASSISTANT PROJECT MANAGER

The Corporate Seal of the Secretary of State for Education, hereunto affixed is authenticated by:



Duly Authorised

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**ANNEX TO THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT**

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Annex 1

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ADMISSION OF PUPILS TO THE ACADEMY**

**GENERAL**

1. This annex may be amended in writing at any time by agreement between the Secretary of State and the Company.

2. Except as provided in paragraphs 2A to 2B below the Company will act in accordance with, and will ensure that an Independent Appeal Panel is trained to act in accordance with, all relevant provisions of the School Admissions Code, and the School Admission Appeals Code published by the Department for Education (“the Codes”) as they apply at any given time to maintained schools and with equalities law and the law on admissions as they apply to maintained schools. For this purpose, reference in the Codes or legislation to “admission authorities” shall be deemed to be references to the Directors of the Company.

2A The Company is permitted to determine admission arrangements (subject to consultation in accordance with the School Admissions Code) that give priority for admission (but not above looked after children and previously looked after children) to other children attracting the pupil premium, including the service premium (‘the pupil premium admission criterion’). Where a Company exercises this freedom it will provide information in its admission arrangements of eligibility for the premiums.

2B For the purposes of applying the pupil premium admission criterion only, sections 1.9(f) and 2.4(a) of the School Admissions Code do not apply insofar as they prevent admission authorities from giving priority to children according to the financial or occupational status of parents or using supplementary forms that ask for:

- any personal details about their financial status; or
- whether parents are serving in the armed forces (of any nation), stationed in England, and exercising parental care and responsibility for the child in question.

3. Notwithstanding the generality of paragraph 2 of this Annex, the Company will participate in the co-ordinated admission arrangements operated by the Local Authority (LA) and the local Fair Access Protocol.

4. Notwithstanding any provision in this Annex, the Secretary of State may:

- (a) direct the Company to admit a named pupil to the Academy on application from an LA. This will include complying with a School Attendance Order. Before doing so the Secretary of State will consult the Company;
- (b) direct the Company to admit a named pupil to the Academy if the Company has failed to act in accordance with this Annex or has otherwise



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failed to comply with applicable admissions and equalities legislation or the provisions of the Codes;

- (c) direct the Company to amend its admission arrangements where they fail to comply with the School Admissions Code or the School Admission Appeals Code.

### **Relevant Area**

5. Subject to paragraph 7, the meaning of “Relevant Area” for the purposes of consultation requirements in relation to admission arrangements is that determined by the local authority for maintained schools in the area in accordance with the Education (Relevant Areas for Consultation on Admission Arrangements) Regulations 1999.

6. If the Company does not consider the relevant area determined by the local authority for the maintained schools in the area to be appropriate, it must apply to the Secretary of State by 1 August for a determination of the appropriate relevant area for the Academy, setting out the reasons for this view. The Secretary of State will consult the Company and the LA in which the Academy is situated in reaching a decision.

### **Requirement to admit pupils**

7. Pupils on roll in any predecessor maintained or independent school will transfer automatically to the Academy on opening. All children already offered a place at any predecessor school will be admitted.

8. The Company will:

- a. subject to its right of appeal to the Secretary of State in relation to a named pupil, admit all pupils with a statement of special educational needs naming the Academy;
- b. determine admission oversubscription criteria for the Academy that give highest priority to looked after children and previously looked after children, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the School Admissions Code.

### **Oversubscription criteria, admission number, consultation, determination and objections.**

9. The Academy admission arrangements will include oversubscription criteria, and an admission number for each relevant age group. The Company will consult on the Academy’s admission arrangements and determine them in line with the requirements within the School Admissions Code.

10. The Office of the School’s Adjudicator (OSA) will consider objections to the Academy’s admission arrangements. The Company should therefore make it clear, when determining the Academy’s admission arrangements, that objections should be submitted to the OSA.

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11. A determination of an objection by the OSA will be binding upon the Academy and the Company will make appropriate changes as quickly as possible.

**Arrangements for pupils with Special Educational Needs ('SEN') and disabilities at Mainstream Academies**

**Duties in relation to pupils with SEN**

1. The Directors of the Company must, in respect of each **Mainstream Academy**, comply with all of the duties imposed upon the governing bodies of maintained schools in;
  - Part 4 of the Education Act 1996 as amended from time to time;
  - The Education (Special Educational Needs) (Information) Regulations 1999 as amended from time to time;
  - The Education (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinators) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 as amended from time to time.
2. Notwithstanding any provision in this Agreement, the Secretary of State may (whether following a complaint made to him or otherwise) direct the Company to comply with an obligation described in this Annex where the Company has failed to comply with any such obligation.
3. Where a child who has SEN is being educated in a **Mainstream Academy**, those concerned with making special educational provision for the child must secure that the child engages in the activities of the school together with children who do not have SEN, so far as is reasonably practicable and is compatible with:
  - (a) the child receiving the special educational provision which his learning difficulty calls for,
  - (b) the provision of efficient education for the children with whom he will be educated, and
  - (c) the efficient use of resources.
4. In addition to complying with the duties imposed upon the governing bodies of maintained schools set out in The Education (Special Educational Needs) (Information) Regulations 1999 (as amended from time to time) the Company must ensure that the website for each Academy includes details of the implementation of its policy for pupils with special educational needs; the arrangements for the admission of disabled pupils; the steps taken to prevent disabled pupils from being treated less favourably than other pupils; and the facilities provided to assist access to the Academy by disabled pupils (disabled pupils meaning pupils who are disabled for the purposes of the Equality Act

2010).

**Admissions**

5. The Company must ensure that for each **Mainstream Academy** pupils with SEN are admitted on an equal basis with others in accordance with the Academy's admissions policy.
  
6. Where a local authority ("LA") proposes to name a **Mainstream Academy** in a statement of SEN made in accordance with section 324 of the Education Act 1996, it must give the Company written notice that it so proposes. Within 15 days of receipt of the LA's notice that it proposes to name the Academy in a statement, the Company must consent to being named, except where admitting the child would be incompatible with the provision of efficient education for other children; and where no reasonable steps may be made to secure compatibility. In deciding whether a child's inclusion would be incompatible with the efficient education of other children, the Company must have regard to the relevant guidance issued by the Secretary of State to maintained schools.
  
7. If the Company determines that admitting the child would be incompatible with the provision of efficient education, it must, within 15 days of receipt of the LA's notice, notify the LA in writing that it does not agree that the Academy should be named in the pupil's statement. Such notice must set out all the facts and matters the Company relies upon in support of its contention that: (a) admitting the child would be incompatible with efficiently educating other children; and (b) the Company cannot take reasonable steps to secure this compatibility.
  
8. After service by the Company on the LA of any notice (further to paragraph 7 above) stating that it does not agree with the LA's proposal that the Academy be named, the Company must seek to establish from the LA, as soon as is reasonably practicable, whether or not the LA agrees with the Company. If the LA notifies the Company that it does not agree with the Company's response, and names the Academy in the child's statement, then the Company must admit the child to the school on the date specified in the statement or on the date specified by the LA.

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9. Where the Company consider that the Academy should not have been named in a child's statement, they may ask the Secretary of State to determine that the LA has acted unreasonably in naming the Academy and to make an order directing the LA to reconsider.
10. The Secretary of State's determination shall, subject only to any right of appeal which any parent or guardian of the child may have to the First-tier Tribunal (Special Educational Needs and Disability), be final.
11. If a parent or guardian of a child in respect of whom a statement is maintained by the local authority appeals to the First-tier Tribunal (Special Educational Needs and Disability) either against the naming of an Academy in the child's SEN statement or asking the Tribunal to name an Academy, then the decision of the Tribunal on any such appeal shall be binding and shall, if different from that of the Secretary of State under paragraph 9 above, be substituted for the Secretary of State's decision.
12. Where the Company, the Secretary of State or the First-tier Tribunal (Special Educational Needs and Disability) have determined that it should be named, the Company shall admit the child to the Academy notwithstanding any provision of Annex 1 of the Supplemental Agreement of that Academy.