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THE QUEEN ELEANOR PRIMARY ACADEMY

FUNDING AGREEMENT

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SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT made 21 August 2013

BETWEEN

(1) THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EDUCATION; and

**(2) CREATIVE EDUCATION ACADEMIES TRUST (registered company
no. 07617529) ("the Company")**

IS SUPPLEMENTAL TO THE MASTER FUNDING AGREEMENT made
between the same parties and dated 19 August 2013
(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 Queen Eleanor Primary Academy to be established at Queen Eleanor Road, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN4 8NN;

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

"Further Remedial Measures" has the meaning given in clause 5.4;

"Insolvency" has the meaning given to it in section 123 of the Insolvency Act 1986;

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

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, this Agreement, the Principal Agreement, the School Agreement and the Lease.

2.2 The curriculum provided by the Academy to pupils up to the age of 11 shall be broad and balanced.

2.3 The requirements for the admission of pupils to the Academy are set out at Annex 1.

2.3A) Subject to Clause 2.3B), the academy will operate designated places reserved for pupils with special educational needs (SEN Unit and or Resourced Provision) with up to 9 planned places for pupils with hearing impairment in the age range 4 - 11.

2.3B) The Secretary of State may at any time determine that the SEN Unit/Resourced Provision should cease to operate.

2.3C) In making any determination under clause 2.3B) the Secretary of State shall:

- (i) have regard to the views of the Academy and local authorities in the area (in their strategic role in the commissioning of SEN provision); and
- (ii) consider the impact of such a determination on the local authorities' ability to secure suitable SEN provision for all children within the area.

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4.4 Before exercising its right of set off or abatement pursuant to clause 4.3 above, the Secretary of State shall:

4.4.1 notify the Company that such sums have been paid by the Secretary of State to the LA;

4.4.2 take into account (acting reasonably) any representations made by the Company providing reasons why the relevant liabilities were not settled;

4.4.3 take into account (acting reasonably) any representations made by the Company as to the nature of the liabilities under consideration.

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 2020 or any subsequent anniversary of that date.

Termination Warning Notice

5.2 The Secretary of State shall be entitled to issue to the Company a written notice of his intention to terminate this Agreement ("Termination Warning Notice") where he considers that:

- a) the Academy is no longer meeting the requirements referred to in clause 12 of the Master Agreement (subject to clause 5.9 of this Agreement);**
- b) the conditions and requirements set out in clauses 13-34B of the Master Agreement are no longer being met;**
- c) the standards of performance of pupils at the Academy are unacceptably low;**
- d) there has been a serious breakdown in the way the Academy is managed or governed;**
- e) the safety of pupils or staff is threatened (whether by breakdown of discipline or otherwise);**

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Agreement in respect of EAG funding are applicable
Each of a) to m) (inclusive) above is a default event for the purposes of this Agreement.

5.3 A Termination Warning Notice issued by the Secretary of State in accordance with clause 5.2 shall specify:

- a) reasons for the Secretary of State's issue of the Termination Warning Notice;**
- b) the remedial measures which the Secretary of State requires the Company to carry out, with associated deadlines, in order to rectify the defaults identified ("Specified Remedial Measures"); and**
- c) the date by which the Company must respond to the Termination Warning Notice providing its representations with regard thereto or confirm that it accepts and agrees to undertake the Specified Remedial Measures.**

5.4 The Secretary of State shall consider any response and representations from the Company which are received by the date specified in accordance with clause 5.3(c) and shall confirm whether he considers that:

- a) in the light of the Company's representations in response to the Termination Warning Notice, some or all of the Specified Remedial Measures are not required to be implemented (and if so which) and/or the Specified Remedial Measures are being or will be implemented within the specified timeframe; or**
- b) subject to any further measures he reasonably requires ("Further Remedial Measures") being implemented by a specified date or any evidence he requires being provided, the implementation of such measures has been or will be successfully completed within the specified timeframes; or**

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5.8 Where the Secretary of State has given notice of his intention to terminate this Agreement in accordance with clauses 5.6 and 5.7 and –

- (a) he has not received any representations from the Company within the timeframe specified in clause 5.7; or
- (b) having considered the representations made by the Company pursuant to clause 5.7, the Secretary of State remains satisfied that it is appropriate to terminate this Agreement

he may by notice in writing terminate this Agreement with effect from a specified date.

Termination with Immediate Effect

5.9 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, he may terminate this Agreement by notice in writing to the Company such termination to take effect on the date of the notice.

Notice of Intention to Terminate by Company

5.10 The provisions of this clause 5.10 and of clauses 5.11 to 5.15 (inclusive) shall apply when the Project Agreement has expired or been terminated (for so long as the Project Agreement is extant the provisions of clauses 5.16 to 5.27 below shall apply in place of clauses 5.10 to 5.15). 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

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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.

5.13 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 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.

5.14 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 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.

5.15 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

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- (b) the Secretary of State has not agreed, in accordance with clauses 55 and 56 of the Master Agreement, to provide such EAG funding to the Company.

5.18 Within 30 days of being notified by the Secretary of State of a PFI EAG Refusal, the Company may provide written notice that it considers that, after taking into account its Current Funding, it is likely that the running costs during the Critical Years would cause the Company to go into Insolvency ("Company Insolvency Notice").

5.19 Any Company Insolvency Notice must specify:

- 5.19.1. the grounds and evidence, including any professional accounting advice, upon which the Company's opinion is based;
- 5.19.2. a detailed statement of steps which the Company proposes to take with a view to ensuring that as soon as reasonably practicable the running costs are reduced sufficiently in the Critical Years to ensure that such costs are less than its Current Funding and the period of time within which such steps will be taken
- 5.19.3. the shortfall in the Critical Years between the Current Funding expected to be available to the Company to cover the running costs and the projected expenditure of the Company; and
- 5.19.4. a detailed budget of income and expenditure for the Academy during the Critical Years.

5.20 Within 15 days of the provision of the Company Insolvency Notice, both parties shall discuss and if possible (using reasonable endeavours) agree whether or not on the basis of the Current Funding, it is likely that the running costs during the Critical Years would cause the Company to go into Insolvency and such Insolvency could not be avoided through prudent financial management (including, but not limited to, using GAG funding prudently in order to cover the normal reasonable running costs of the

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5.22 The parties shall procure that the Expert (together with any educational specialist appointed pursuant to this clause) will act promptly in determining the matters referred to him. The Expert shall be required in performing his role 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 shall be appointed by the Chairman for the time being of the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust.

5.23 The Expert's and the educational specialist's fees shall be borne equally between the parties.

5.24 For the purpose of clauses 5.25 and 5.27, "Insolvency Decision" means either:

5.24.1. in accordance with clause 5.20, the Secretary of State agrees with the Company that on the basis of the Current Funding it is likely that the running costs during the Critical Years would cause the Company to go into Insolvency which could not be avoided through prudent financial management (including, but not limited to, using GAG funding prudently in order to cover the normal reasonable running costs of the Academy); or

5.24.2. an Expert determines in accordance with clause 5.21 that on the basis of the Current Funding it is likely that the running costs during the Critical Years would cause the Company to go into Insolvency or that the Company is not using the funds provided under this Agreement and the Master Agreement prudently and in accordance with the requirements of this Agreement and the Master Agreement.

5.25 Within 10 Business Days of an Insolvency Decision, the Secretary of State may either at its option:

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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 (where the Secretary of State terminates this Agreement pursuant to clause 5.1) indemnify the Company and may (where the Secretary of State terminates this Agreement otherwise than pursuant to clause 5.1) in his absolute discretion indemnify or compensate 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 any educational purposes by that nominee. The proportion of the assets to be transferred shall be 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 at a later date; 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.

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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.

9 GENERAL

9.1 This Agreement shall not be assignable by the Company.

9.2 No delay, neglect or forbearance on the part of the Secretary of State in enforcing (in whole or in part) any provision of this Agreement or in exercising (in whole or in part) any right or remedy conferred on him by this Agreement shall be or be deemed to be a waiver of such provision or right or remedy or a waiver of any other provision or right or remedy or shall in any way prejudice any right or remedy of the Secretary of State under this

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This Agreement was executed as a Deed on
2013

Executed on behalf of Creative Education Academies Trust
by:

[Either



Director

In the presence of:



Witness... RANA VENKAT

Address..



Occupation... PROJECT DIRECTOR

[Or

.....]

Director

.....]

Director/Secretary

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ANNEX TO THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT

Requirements for the Admission for pupils at the
Academy Annex 1

Annex 1

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ADMISSION OF PUPILS TO THE QUEEN ELEANOR PRIMARY 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 children¹) 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 Queen Eleanor Primary Academy on application from an LA. This will include

¹ As defined in the School Admissions Code.

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- 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.
- c. Not used.

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

10. The Academy admission arrangements will include oversubscription criteria, and an admission number for each relevant age group⁴. The Company will consult on the Academy's admission arrangements and determine them in line with the requirements within the School Admissions Code.

11. The Office of the School's Adjudicator (OSA) will consider objections to the Academy's admission arrangements⁵. The Company should therefore make it clear, when determining the Academy's admission arrangements, that objections should be submitted to the OSA.

12. 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.

⁴ 'Relevant age group' means 'normal point of admission to the school, for example, year R, Year7 and Year 12.

⁵ The OSA has no jurisdiction to consider objections against the agreed variation from the Codes set out in paragraphs 2A and 2B.