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SCHEDULE 1

Model Supplemental Funding Agreement for an Academy school

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INTRODUCTION

- 1) This Agreement is made under Section 1 of the Academies Act 2010, between the Secretary of State for Education (“the Secretary of State”) and Dixons City Academy Charitable Trust Ltd (the “Company”).
- 2) The Company is a company incorporated in England and Wales, limited by guarantee with registered Company number 2303464.
- 3) The Company intends to establish and maintain, and to carry on or provide for the carrying on of a number of Academies in accordance with this Agreement and the Supplemental Agreements.
- 4) This Agreement and the Supplemental Agreements will apply in respect of an Academy from such time as a Supplemental Agreement relating to that Academy shall have been entered into between the Secretary of State and the Company.
- 5) The following expressions used in this Agreement have the respective meanings assigned to them by the numbered clauses of this Agreement referred to immediately after the reference to the expressions -
 - a) “Academies Financial Handbook” - clause 67;
 - b) “Accounting Officer” – clause 62;
 - c) "Annual Letter of Funding" - clause 60;
 - d) "GAG" – clause 36;
 - e) "Capital Expenditure" - clause 37;
 - f) “Capital Grant” – clause 37;
 - g) "EAG" - clause 36;
 - h) “Local Governing Body” – clause 15;
 - i) “Recurrent Expenditure” – clause 36;

j) “Start-up Period” – clause 50;

6) In this Agreement the following words and expressions shall have the following meanings:-

“Academy” means an Academy school in respect of which a Supplemental Agreement has been entered into between the Secretary of State and the Company and the expression “Academies” shall refer to all or any of such Academies;

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

“Academy Funding Year” means the year from 1st September to 31st August in any year;

“Additional Directors” means Directors who may be appointed by the Secretary of State under the Articles of Association;

“admission requirements” – are annexed to the relevant Supplemental Agreement;

“this Agreement” means this agreement and its annexes and a reference in this Agreement to a numbered clause or annex is a reference to the clause or annex of this Agreement bearing that number or letter as the same may be amended or supplemented from time to time;

“Business Day” means any day other than a Saturday, Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday or a day which is a bank holiday with the meaning given to that expression in the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971;

“Control” in relation to a body corporate (‘Entity’) means 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 –

(a) by means of the holding of shares in that Entity or having an interest conferring voting rights at general meetings of the membership of that 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 'Control' shall be construed accordingly;

"DfE" means Department for Education;

"Further Directors" means Directors who may be appointed by the Secretary of State under the Articles of Association if a Special Measures Termination Event, as defined in the relevant Supplemental Agreement, occurs;

"LA" means the Local Authority in the area in which the relevant Academy is situated;

"Memorandum" and "Articles" means the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company for the time being in force, a copy of the current version of which is annexed to this Agreement as Annex A;

"parents" means parents or guardians;

"persons" includes a body of persons, corporate or incorporate;

"Principal" means the head teacher of an Academy;

“Principal Regulator” means the body or person appointed as the Principal Regulator under the Charities Act 2011;

references to “school” shall where the context so admits be references to a Academy;

“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;

“Start-up period” means up to a maximum of 7 Academy Funding Years and covers the period up to and including the first Academy Funding Year in which all age groups are present at the relevant Academy (that is, all the pupil cohorts relevant to the age-range of the relevant Academy will have some pupils present);

“Supplemental Agreement” means an agreement supplemental to this Agreement, substantially in the form set out in Schedule 1 to this Agreement to be entered into by the Secretary of State and the Company pursuant to which the Company agrees to establish and maintain, and to carry on or provide for the carrying on, and the Secretary of State agrees to fund, an Academy in accordance with the terms and conditions of that Supplemental Agreement and this Agreement;

- 7) The Interpretation Act 1978 shall apply for the interpretation of this Agreement and any Supplemental Agreement as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.
- 8) Expressions defined in this Agreement shall have the same meaning where used in any Annex to this Agreement or Supplemental Agreement.
- 9) Questions arising on the interpretation of the arrangements in this Agreement shall be resolved by the Secretary of State after consultation with the Company
- 10) Section 1 (3) of the Academies Act 2010 states that -

(3) 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."

LEGAL AGREEMENT

11) 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 meeting the requirements referred to in clause 12 ("**the 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.

ACADEMY REQUIREMENTS

12) The **Academy** requirements are as set down in Section 1A of the Academies Act 2010.

CONDITIONS OF GRANT

General

13) Other conditions and requirements in respect of an Academy, unless specified otherwise in a Supplemental Agreement, 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 qualifications in accordance with clause 30(d);

c) 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; and

f) there will be no charge in respect of admission to the school and the school will only charge pupils where the law allows maintained schools to charge;

Governance

14) Each Academy will be governed by the Company. The Company shall have regard to (but for the avoidance of doubt shall not be bound by) any guidance as to the governance of Academies that the Secretary of State may publish.

15) The Company shall establish, for each Academy, an Advisory Body, whose role shall be to provide advice to the Company in relation to the functioning of that Academy. The role of the Advisory Body and the membership of it shall be for the Company to decide, but the Company will, as a minimum, ensure that:

a) a minimum of two parents of pupils at the Academy (to be elected by the parents of registered pupils of the Academy) shall be a member of the Advisory Body;

b) any advice of the Advisory Body is brought to the attention of the Directors of the Company;

c) to the extent that the Company may, in accordance with the Articles, choose to establish a Local Governing Body, then the Company may additionally constitute the Advisory Body as the Academy's Local Governing Body.

Conduct

16) Each Academy shall be conducted in accordance with:

a) the Articles, which shall not be amended by the Company without the written consent of the Secretary of State, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld;

b) all provisions by or under statute which confer rights or impose obligations on Academies including, without limitation, the independent schools standards prescribed under section 157 of the Education Act 2002 to the extent they apply to the Academy

c) the terms of this Agreement and the relevant Supplemental Agreement.

Criminal Records Bureau Checks

17) 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.

17A) The Company shall, on receipt of information from the Criminal Records Bureau in response to an application for an enhanced criminal record certificate, on request from the Secretary of State or his agents, as soon as possible thereafter submit such information to the Secretary of State in accordance with section 124 of the Police Act 1997.

Pupils

18) Each **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;
- 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 B 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 from time to time, and includes any successor provisions)..

Designated Teacher for Looked after Children

18A) 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.

Teachers and other staff

19) Subject to clause 20, the Company shall, in accordance with any guidance which the Secretary of State may issue on the qualifications of teaching and other staff in Academies, employ anyone it deems is suitably qualified or is otherwise eligible under a contract of employment or for services to carry out planning and preparing lessons and courses for pupils, delivering lessons to pupils, assessing the development, progress and attainment of pupils, and reporting on the development, progress and attainment of pupils.

20) Clause 19 does not apply to anyone who (a) is appointed as the SENCO by the Company under section 317(3A) of the Education Act 1996, who must

meet the requirements set out in Regulation 3 of the Education (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinators) (England) Regulations 2008 (SI 2008/2945); or (b) is appointed as a designated teacher for looked after children further to clause 18A.

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

22) The Company shall ensure that all employees at the Academy other than teachers (“Non-teaching Staff”) have access to either the Local Government Pension Scheme in accordance with the Local Government Pension Scheme (Administration) Regulations 2008 [SI 2008/239] (“the Regulations”), where the Regulations require this, or such other pension benefits as those Regulations, or any legislation which may in the future replace the Regulations, require for Non-teaching staff.

Curriculum, curriculum development and delivery and RE and collective worship

23) The curriculum provided by each Academy to pupils up to the age of 16 shall be broad and balanced.

23A) The Company shall publish information in relation to its current curriculum provision. Such information shall include details relating to

- a) the content of the curriculum;
- b) its approach to the curriculum;
- c) the GCSE options (and other Key Stage 4 qualifications) offered by the 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 Academy’s curriculum.

24) The Company shall ensure that the broad and balanced curriculum includes English, Mathematics and Science.

24A) Subject to the requirements of clauses 23 to 29B, the curriculum will be the responsibility of the Company.

24B) 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 each 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.

25) The Company shall make provision for the teaching of religious education and for a daily act of collective worship at each Academy.

25A) The Company shall not make provision in the context of any subject for the teaching, as an evidence-based view or theory, of any view or theory that is contrary to established scientific and/or historical evidence and explanations.

26) Where an Academy is 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 28**, and paragraph 4 of Schedule 19 to the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 which shall apply as if the Academy were a voluntary aided school with religious character, **the Company shall ensure that provision is made for religious education to be given to all pupils at the Academy in accordance with the tenets of the *specified religion or religious denomination of the Academy***;
- b) **subject to clause 28, the Company shall comply with the requirements of**

section 70(1) of, and Schedule 20 to, the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 as if the Academy were a foundation school with a religious character or a voluntary school, and as if references to 'the required collective worship' were references to collective worship in accordance with the tenets and practices of the *specified religion or religious denomination of the Academy*;

- c) the Company shall ensure that the quality of religious education given to pupils at the Academy and the contents of the Academy's collective worship given in accordance with the tenets and practice of the specific religion or religious denomination are inspected. Such inspection shall be conducted by a person chosen by the Company and the Academy shall secure that such inspection shall comply with the requirements set out in any statutory provision and regulations as if the Academy were a foundation or voluntary school which has been designated under section 69(3) of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 as having a religious character.

27) Where an 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 28, 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 28, 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 or foundation 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.

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.

28) 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 each Academy in accordance with clauses 26 or 27 as appropriate.

29) 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.

29A) 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 each Academy;

b) references to registered pupils shall be treated as references to registered pupils at each Academy;

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 each Academy.

29B) The Company shall ensure that principles are promoted which support fundamental British values, including: respect for the basis on which the law is made and applied in England; respect for democracy and support for participation in the democratic processes; support for equality of opportunity for all; support and respect for the liberties of all within the law; and respect for and tolerance of different faiths and religious and other beliefs.

Assessment

30) The Secretary of State will notify the appropriate body for assessment purposes about each 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 30 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 offer:-

- (i) any course of education or training at the Academy which leads to a qualification that is approved by the Secretary of State for the purposes of section 96 of the Learning and Skills Act 2000; and

- (ii) any course of education or training not falling within paragraph (i) if the Secretary of State gives his specific written approval for it.

30A) The Company shall ensure that the following information is published on each Academy's website:

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 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.

Exclusions Agreement

31) The Company shall, if invited to do so by an LA, enter into an agreement in respect of an Academy with that LA, which has the effect that where:

- a) the Company admits a pupil to the Academy who has been permanently excluded from a maintained school, the Academy itself or another Academy with whom the LA has a similar agreement; or
- b) the Company permanently excludes a pupil from the Academy

payment will flow between the Company and the LA in the same direction and for the same amount that it would, were the Academy a maintained school, under Regulations made under section 47 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 relating to the addition or deduction of a maintained school's budget following a permanent exclusion or the admission of a permanently excluded pupil. At the date of this Agreement, the applicable Regulation is Regulation 23 of the School Finance (England) Regulations 2011.

School Meals

32) 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 would be unreasonable for it to do so. Subject to the provisions of clause 33 charges may be levied for lunches, but the Company shall otherwise fund the cost of such school lunches from its GAG.

33) 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.

Charging

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

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

International Education Surveys

34A) Section 538A of the Education Act 1996 (power to direct participation in international surveys) shall be deemed to apply to the relevant Academy with the following modifications:

- (a) references to the governing body shall be treated as references to the Company; and
- (b) references to community, foundation voluntary school shall be treated as references to the relevant Academy.

Pupil Premium

34B) The Company shall publish in each Academy Financial Year information in relation to each Academy:

- a) the amount of Pupil Premium allocation that it will receive during that Academy Financial Year;
- b) what it intends to spend the Pupil Premium allocation on;
- c) what it spent its Pupil Premium in the previous Academy Financial Year on;
- d) the impact in educational attainment, arising from expenditure of the previous Academy Financial Year's Pupil Premium.

Duration of School Day and Year

34C) The duration of the school day and year will be the responsibility of the Academy Trust.

GRANTS TO BE PAID BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE

General

35) The Secretary of State shall pay grants towards Recurrent Expenditure and may pay grants towards Capital Expenditure for each Academy. For the purposes of this clause and clauses 58 onwards an Academy Financial Year shall be deemed to run from 1st September to 31st August or such other period as the Secretary of State may from time to time specify by notice in writing to the Company. For the purposes of clauses 36 to 57 an Academy Funding Year shall be deemed to run from 1st September to 31st August, to align with funding allocations. Except with the Secretary of State's prior agreement, the Company shall not budget for its expenditure in any Academy Financial Year in excess of expected income. The Company shall not enter into commitments which are likely to have substantial implications for future levels of grant, or for the period for which grant may be required. No decision by the Company shall commit the Secretary of State to paying any particular amount of grant.

36) “Recurrent Expenditure” means any expenditure on the establishment, conduct, administration and maintenance of the Academy which does not fall within the categories of Capital Expenditure set out at clause 37. The Secretary of State shall pay two separate and distinct grants in respect of recurrent expenditure: General Annual Grant (“GAG”), and Earmarked Annual Grant (“EAG”).

Capital Grant

37) “Capital Expenditure” means expenditure on:

- a) the acquisition of land and buildings;
- b) the erection, enlargement, improvement or demolition of any building including fixed plant, installation, wall, fence or other structure, or any playground or hard standing;
- c) the installation of electrical, mechanical or other services other than necessary replacements, repairs and maintenance due to normal wear and tear;
- d) the purchase of vehicles and other self-propelled mechanical equipment;
- e) the installation and equipping of premises with furnishings and equipment, other than necessary replacements, repairs and maintenance due to normal wear and tear;
- f) the installation and equipping of premises with computers, networking for computers, operating software and information and communication technology equipment, other than necessary updates or necessary replacements, repairs and maintenance due to normal wear and tear;
- g) the provision and equipping of premises, including playing fields and other facilities for social activities and physical recreation other than necessary replacements, repairs and maintenance due to normal wear and tear;

h) works of a permanent character other than the purchase or replacement of minor day-to-day items;

i) any major repairs or replacements which are specified as constituting capital expenditure in any grant letter relating to them;

j) such other items (whether of a like or dissimilar nature to any of the foregoing) of a substantial or enduring nature as the Secretary of State may agree shall constitute capital expenditure for the purposes of this Agreement;

k) all professional fees properly and reasonably incurred in connection with the provision of any of the above;

l) VAT and other taxes payable on any of the above.

“Capital Grant” means grant paid to the Company in respect of Capital Expenditure.

38) Where an Academy is to open in new premises, or where existing premises are to be substantially refurbished or remodelled to enable the Academy to open in such premises, the Secretary of State, may, in his absolute discretion be responsible for meeting the incurred Capital Expenditure for that Academy. To that end, the Secretary of State will consider providing funding in accordance with any arrangements as he considers appropriate.

39) Any Capital Expenditure incurred in respect of each Academy on which Capital Grant payments are sought from the Secretary of State will require the specific prior written agreement of the Secretary of State, which agreement shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

40) Any payment of Capital Grant to the Company under this Agreement is subject to the fulfilment of the following conditions:

a) such grants are used solely to defray expenditure approved by the Secretary of State;

- a) the Company certifying and providing evidence that all planning and other consents necessary for the development and all related infrastructure to be completed have been obtained or put in place; and
- b) any other conditions that the Secretary of State may specify.

Arrangements for Payment of Capital Grant

41) 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.

General Annual Grant

42) GAG will be paid by the Secretary of State to the Company in order to cover the normal running costs of each Academy. These will include, but are not limited to:

- a) teachers' salaries and related costs (including full and part time teaching staff and seconded teachers);
- b) non-teaching staff salaries and related costs (including pension contributions, educational support staff, administrative and clerical staff and manual and premises related staff);
- c) employees' expenses;
- d) the purchase, maintenance, repair and replacement:
 - (i) of teaching and learning materials and other educational equipment, including books, stationery and ICT equipment and software, sports equipment and laboratory equipment and materials;
 - (ii) of other supplies and services;

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

42A) Subject to clauses 44-45, GAG for each Academy Funding Year for each Academy will include:

- 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 for the cost of functions which would be carried out by the local authority if each Academy were a maintained school, such funding to be determined at the discretion of the Secretary of State;
- c) Funding for matters for which it is necessary for the relevant Academy to incur extra costs, to the extent that those costs are deemed in the discretion of the Secretary of State to be necessary; and
- d) Payments equivalent to further, specific grants made available to maintained schools, where the relevant Academy meets the requisite conditions and criteria necessary for a maintained school to receive these grants, such payments to be at the discretion of the Secretary of State.

43) Subject to clause 43AA, the basis of the pupil number count for the purposes of determining GAG for an Academy Funding Year will be the Company's most recent estimate provided in accordance with clause 43A.

43A) The Secretary of State shall in advance of each Academy Funding Year for the Academy, at such time or times as he shall determine, request that the Company provides an estimate of the number of pupils on roll in the following September for the Academy for the purposes of determining GAG for an Academy Funding Year, and the Company shall provide the requested estimate (such estimate to be based on an objective assessment of numbers) to the Secretary of State as soon as reasonably practicable.

43AA) Once the condition specified in clause 43B) has been satisfied with respect to the Academy for the Academy Funding Year for which funding is being calculated, the basis of the pupil number count for the purpose of determining GAG for the Academy will be:

- a) for the pupil number count for pupils in Year 11 and below, the Schools Census for the relevant month (determined at the discretion of the Secretary of State) preceding the Academy Funding 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.

43B) For the purpose of clause 43AA), the condition is satisfied in the Academy Funding Year which immediately follows the Academy Funding Year in which all planned Year-groups will be present at the Academy (that is, all the pupil cohorts relevant to the age-range of the Academy will have some pupils present).

43C) For any Academy Funding Year in which GAG for the Academy has been calculated in accordance with clauses 43)and 43A), an adjustment may be made to the following Academy Funding Year's formula funding element of GAG for the Academy to recognise any variation from that estimate greater than or lower than 2.5%. The Secretary of State may for the purpose of calculating any adjustment to the formula funding element of GAG under this clause, use the Census for the relevant month (determined at the discretion of the Secretary of State) for the Academy Funding Year in question as a means of determining pupil numbers in an Academy Funding Year. The additional or clawed-back grant will be only that amount relevant to the number of pupils beyond the 2.5% variation.

43D) For any Academy Funding Year in which GAG for the Academy is calculated in accordance with clause 43AA), no adjustment will be made to the equivalence funding element in the following Academy Funding Year's equivalence 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 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 or its equivalent.

44) The Secretary of State may pay further grant in the Start-up period, as determined and specified by him, for costs which cannot otherwise be met from GAG.

45) The Secretary of State recognises that if he serves notice of intention to terminate this Agreement or a Supplemental 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 relevant Academy or Academies are unlikely to be sufficient to meet the Academy's or Academies' needs during the notice period. In those circumstances, the Secretary of State may undertake to pay a reasonable and appropriately larger GAG with respect to that Academy or those Academies in the notice period than would be justified solely on the basis of the methods set out in clauses 42-43D, in order to enable the Academy to operate effectively.

46) 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 relevant Academy or Academies 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 relevant Academy or Academies.

47) Not used

48) Not used.

49) Not used.

50) Not used.

51) Not used.

52) Not used.

53) Not used.

54) Subject to clause 73, GAG paid by the Secretary of State in respect of an Academy shall only be spent by the Company towards the normal running costs of that Academy.

Earmarked Annual Grant

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

56) 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 the Secretary of State at an address notified from time to time.

Arrangements for Payment of GAG and EAG

57) 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 each 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.

58) 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.

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

60) The amounts of GAG for an Academy Financial Year will be determined annually by the Secretary of State. The amount of GAG for each 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 not later than 31 March 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.

61) 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.

Additional Funding

62) Not used.

63) Not used.

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

65) Not used

FINANCIAL AND ACCOUNTING REQUIREMENTS

General

66) The Company shall appoint an Accounting Officer and shall notify the Secretary of State of that appointment.

67) 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.

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

69) 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 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 the lease of the relevant Academy;

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

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

72) The Company shall submit indicative budgets relating to each Academy to the Secretary of State by not later than 15 February before the start of each Academy Financial Year. Such budgets shall set out clearly the prospective income and expenditure of the relevant Academy and shall differentiate, and give adequate details of:

- a) a statement of expected income for that Academy Financial Year including cash donations and gifts in kind from sources other than GAG, EAG and grants from the Secretary of State towards Capital and Revenue Expenditure, distinguishing between income from public funds including the national lottery and income from other sources. Income from cash donations and gifts in kind from sources other than GAG, EAG and grants from the Secretary of State towards Capital Expenditure will not be taken into account by the Secretary of State in the calculation of GAG;

b) a statement of proposed Recurrent Expenditure for that Academy Financial Year;

c) a statement of proposed Capital Expenditure for that Academy Financial Year.

73) At the beginning of any Academy Financial Year the Company may hold unspent GAG for any Academy from previous Academy Financial Years amounting to such percentage (if any) as the Secretary of State may specify by notice in writing to the Company prior to the beginning of that Academy Financial Year of the total GAG payable for the Academy in the Academy Financial Year just ended or such higher amount as may from time to time be agreed. The Company shall use such carried forward amount for such purpose, or subject to such restriction on its use, as the Secretary of State may specify by notice in writing to the Company.

74) Notwithstanding clause 73 any additional grant provided over and above that set out in clauses 42A-43D and made in accordance with clauses 44-45 may be carried forward without limitation or deduction until the Start-up Period or the circumstances set out in clause 45 come to an end.

75) Any savings of GAG not allowed to be carried forward under clauses 73-74 will be taken into account in the payment of subsequent grant.

75A) If the Secretary of State pays grant not including GAG to the Company on condition either that such grant be used for a particular purpose or purposes or that such grant be used by a certain date, any failure on the part of the Company to use such grant for such a purpose or purposes or by such date may be taken into account by the Secretary of State either:

(a) in the same Academy Funding Year that such grant is paid to the Company; or

(b) in the calculation and/or payment of any subsequent grant to the Company; or

(c) by an adjustment to the GAG paid by the Secretary of State to the

Company in the following Academy Funding Year or Academy Funding Years.

75B) If the Secretary of State or his agents pay any grant to the Company which includes an amount to cover the VAT which will be payable by the Company in using any such grant for the purposes intended, the Company shall, having paid the VAT to a third party for any goods or services it has purchased from such a third party, where entitled, promptly and, in any event, as soon as is reasonably practicable, submit a VAT reclaim application to Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) in respect of such VAT payment. Any failure, on the part of the Company, to submit a VAT reclaim application to HMRC or repay the amount recouped to the Secretary of State as soon as reasonably practicable following the receipt of any such payment from HMRC may be taken into account by the Secretary of State either:

- (a) in the same Academy Funding Year that any such grant is paid to the Company; or
- (b) in the calculation and/or payment of any subsequent grant to the Company; or
- (c) by an adjustment to the GAG paid by the Secretary of State to the Company in the following Academy Funding Year or Academy Funding Years.

76) The Company may also spend or accumulate funds from private sources or public sources other than grants from the Secretary of State for application to the benefit of an Academy as it sees fit provided that it complies with all applicable requirements relating to the proper and regular use of funds in the Academies Financial Handbook. Any surplus arising from private sources or public sources other than grants from the Secretary of State shall be separately identified in the Company's balance sheet.

77) The Company shall not, in relation to assets or property funded (whether in whole or in part) by the Secretary of State, without the prior written consent of the Secretary of State which shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed:

- a) except such as are given in normal contractual relations, give any guarantees, indemnities or letters of comfort;
- b) write off any debts or liabilities owed to it above a value from time to time being specified by the Secretary of State nor offer to make any ex gratia payments;
- c) make any sale or purchase or otherwise dispose of freehold or leasehold property; or
- d) grant or take up any leasehold or tenancy agreement.

78) 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 or otherwise dispose of freehold or leasehold property; or
- d) grant or take up any leasehold or tenancy agreement.

79) Each discovered loss of an amount exceeding the amount from time to 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.

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

80A 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.

Borrowing Powers

81) 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 at the absolute discretion of the Secretary of State. The Company shall not operate an overdraft except to cover irregularities in cash flow. Such an overdraft, and the maximum amount to be borrowed, must be approved by the Company in a 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.

82) 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 81 above.

Disposal of Assets

83) Where the Company acquires assets for a nil consideration or at an under value it shall be treated for the purpose of this Agreement as having incurred expenditure equal to the market value of those assets at the time that they were acquired. This provision shall not apply to assets transferred to the Company at nil or nominal

consideration and which were previously used for the purposes of an Academy and/or were transferred from an LA, the value of which assets shall be disregarded.

84) 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 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 from time to 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.

85) 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 from time to 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.

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

87) This clause applies in the event, during the lifetime of this Agreement, that the Secretary of State consents to the disposal of an asset which was transferred to the Company from an LA for no or nominal consideration. In this event the Secretary of State may give consent on the basis that all or part of the proceeds of the disposal should be made over to the LA from which the asset was transferred, taking into account the amount of the proceeds to be reinvested by the Company. The Secretary

of State will have regard to any representations from the Company and the LA from which the asset was transferred before giving consent under this clause.

88) 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.

89) 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 88 above.

TERMINATION

General

90) This Agreement shall commence on the date hereof and continue until terminated in accordance with clause 91 or until all Supplemental Agreements have terminated.

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

- a) the Company calls a meeting of its creditors (whether formal or informal) or enters into any composition or arrangement (whether formal or informal) with its creditors; or
- b) the Company proposes a voluntary arrangement within Section 1 of the Insolvency Act 1986 (as amended); or
- c) the Company is unable to pay its debts within the meaning of Section 123 of the Insolvency Act 1986 provided that, for the purposes of this Clause, Section 123 (1)(a) of the Insolvency Act 1986 shall have effect as if the amount of £10,000 was substituted for £750. The Company shall not be deemed unable to pay its debts for the purposes of this clause if any

such demand as is mentioned in the said Section is being contested in good faith by the Company; or

d) the Company has a receiver and manager (with the exception of Receivers and Managers or Interim Managers appointed by the Charity Commission under the Charities Act 2011 or any subsequent re-enactment of that Act), administrator or administrative receiver appointed over all or any part of its undertakings, assets or income; or

e) any distraint, execution or other process is levied or enforced on any of the Company's property and is not paid out, withdrawn or discharged within fifteen Business Days; or

f) the Company has passed a resolution for its winding up; or

g) an order is made for the winding up or administration of the Company.

The Company shall notify the Secretary of State as soon as possible after receiving any petition which may result in an order for the winding up or administration of the Company and shall provide an explanation to the Secretary of State of the circumstances giving rise to the service of such a petition.

91A) If the Secretary of State is satisfied that any Director or Member of the Company is not a suitable person he may:

(a) in relation to such a Director or Member, without giving any reasons, serve notice in writing on the Company requiring the Company to procure the resignation or removal of the person(s) within 42 days; and if the Company fails to procure the said resignation or removal within the time specified, the Secretary of State may by notice terminate this Agreement forthwith or may provide up to 12 months' notice in writing to terminate this Agreement; or

(b) appoint such Further Directors as he thinks fit and/or provide up to 12 months' notice in writing to terminate this Agreement; or

(c) by notice in writing terminate this Agreement forthwith or on such date as the Secretary of State may determine.

92) 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 or, as the Secretary of State may in his absolute discretion decide any of the Supplemental Funding Agreements.

93) Following the Members passing a resolution as described in clause 92, the Secretary of State's right to terminate this Agreement or, as the Secretary of State may in his absolute discretion decide, any of the Supplemental Funding Agreements under clause 92 shall cease if he removes one or more Additional Directors or Further Directors and fails to replace at least one Additional Director or Further Director within the 30 days of their removal resulting in there being no remaining Additional Director or Further Director on the governing body of the Company.

Change of Control of the Company

93A) The Secretary of State may at any time by notice in writing, subject to clause 93C) 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.

93B) 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 93A), give written notice to the Secretary of State of such change or proposed change of Control.

93C) When notifying the Secretary of State further to clause 93B), the Company may seek the Secretary of State's agreement that, if he is satisfied that the person assuming Control is suitable, he will not in those circumstances exercise his right to terminate this Agreement further to clause 93A).

Effect of Termination

94) In the event of the termination of this Agreement however occurring the Secretary of State shall procure that his nominee (if any) shall resign as a member of the Company and shall co-operate in making any associated amendments to the Articles of Association.

GENERAL

Information

95) Without prejudice to any other provision of this Agreement, the Secretary of State acting reasonably may from time to time call for information on, inter alia, any Academy's:

- a) curriculum;
- b) arrangements for the assessment of pupils;
- c) teaching staff including numbers, qualifications, experience, salaries, and teaching loads;
- d) class sizes;
- e) outreach work with other schools and the local community;

- f) operation of the admission criteria and over subscription arrangements for the Academy including numbers of applications for places and the number and characteristics of pupils accepted for admission;
- g) numbers of pupils excluded (including permanent and fixed term exclusions);
- h) levels of authorised and unauthorised attendance;
- i) charging and remissions policies and the operation of those policies;
- j) organisation, operation and building management;
- k) financial controls;
- l) compliance with the requirements of 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') as amended from time to time; and
- m) membership and proceedings of the Company and the Local Governing Body, together with any other relevant information concerning the management or governance of the Academies which, subject to clause 99), is reasonably necessary for the Secretary of State to carry out his functions generally and in relation to this Agreement.

96) The Company shall make such information available to the Secretary of State, in such form and manner and at such times as may reasonably be required. The Secretary of State shall provide the Company with such information as it may reasonably require of him for the running of an Academy.

96A) (i) The Company shall provide to the Secretary of State the name of any new or replacement Member or Director of the Company, whether such a person has been appointed or elected, together with the date of such an appointment or election and, where applicable, the name of the Member or Director such a person replaces as soon as is practicable and in any event within 14 days of the appointment or election of such a person.

96A) (ii) In this regard, the Company shall not appoint any new or replacement Members or Directors of the Company until it has first (a) notified such persons that their name shall be shared with the Secretary of State and (b) explained to the new or replacement Members or Directors of the Company that the reason their name is being shared with the Secretary of State is to enable the Secretary of State to assess their suitability.

Access by the Secretary of State's Officers

97) The Company shall allow access to the premises of any Academy at any reasonable time to DfE officials. All records, files and reports relating to the running of the Company and each Academy shall be available to them at any reasonable time. The Company shall provide the Secretary of State in advance with papers relating to each Academy prepared for meetings of the Local Governing Body, of the Company's directors and of the members of the Company. Two DfE officials shall be entitled to attend and to speak at all such meetings, but shall withdraw from any discussion of an Academy's or the Company's relationship with the Secretary of State or any discussion of bids for funding to the Secretary of State. The Company shall take any steps which are required to secure its compliance with the obligations imposed by this clause of this Agreement.

98) The Company shall ensure that:

- a) the agenda for every meeting of the relevant Local Governing Body and the Company's directors;
- b) the draft minutes of every such meeting, if they have been approved by the person acting as chairman of that meeting;

- c) the signed minutes of every such meeting; and
- d) any report, document or other paper considered at any such meeting,

are made available for inspection by any interested party at the relevant Academy and, as soon as is reasonably practicable, sent to the Secretary of State upon request.

99) There may be excluded from any item required to be made available for inspection by any interested party and to be sent to the Secretary of State by virtue of clause 98, any material relating to:

- a) a named teacher or other person employed, or proposed to be employed, at any Academy;
- b) a named pupil at, or candidate for admission to, any Academy; and
- c) any matter which, by reason of its nature, the Company is satisfied should remain confidential.

Notices

100) Any notice or other communication concerning this Agreement or a Supplemental Agreement shall be sent, in the case of a notice or communication from the Secretary of State to the Company at its registered office or such other addressee/address as may be notified in writing from time to time by the Company and, in the case of a notice or communication from the Company to the Secretary of State to the Department for Education, Sanctuary Buildings, Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BT ; or such other address as may be notified from time to time by the Secretary of State and where any such notice or communication is sent by post, unless the contrary is proved, it shall be deemed, subject to satisfactory proof of posting, to be effected at the time at which the letter would be received in the ordinary course of post.

101) The service by the Secretary of State of a notice of termination of a Supplemental Agreement shall not prejudice the ability of the Company (if it wishes

to do so) during the notice period to admit pupils to the relevant Academy in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and the relevant Supplemental Agreement and to receive GAG and EAG in respect of them.

Appointment of Additional or Further Directors by the Secretary of State

102) 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.

General

103) This Agreement shall not be assignable by the Company.

104) The Secretary of State and the Company recognise the difficulties in catering in this Agreement and the Supplemental Agreements for all the circumstances which

may arise in relation to the Academies and undertake in good faith to conduct such consultations as may from time to time be desirable in order to promote the interests of the Academies throughout the currency of this Agreement.

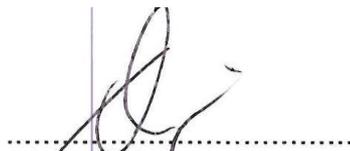
105) The Secretary of State and the Company agree that, notwithstanding the termination of this Agreement, any obligation upon the Company and/or the Secretary of State expressed as arising upon the termination of this Agreement shall continue to subsist.

This Agreement was executed as a Deed on 31 AUGUST 2012

Executed on behalf of Dixons City Academy Charitable Trust Ltd by:

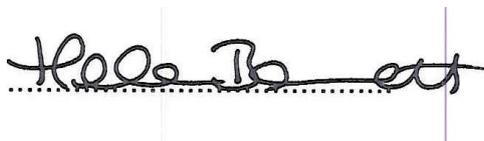


Director



Director/Secretary

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



Duly Authorised



SCHEDULE 1

MODEL SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR A FREE SCHOOL

THIS AGREEMENT made 201[●]

BETWEEN

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

(2) **[ENTER NAME OF THE COMPANY]**

IS SUPPLEMENTAL TO THE MASTER FUNDING AGREEMENT made between the same parties and dated 2012 (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 [ENTER NAME OF THE FREE SCHOOL] to be established at [enter address of FREE SCHOOL];

"Academy Financial Year" means the year from [1st April to 31st March] [1st September to 31st August]¹ in any year;

“Academy Funding Year” means the year from 1st September to 31st August in any year;

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

“the Lease” means the leasehold agreement between the Company and any third party in respect of the site upon which the Academy is situated;

¹ Ensure that the Financial Year chosen here aligns with the definition in the Articles of Association.

“Rent” means a payment made by the Company to a third party pursuant to the Lease but subject to the terms of clause 4A.1 of this Agreement;

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 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.**

ACADEMY OPENING DATE

2.4 **The Academy shall open as a school on [enter opening date].**

2.5 **The planned capacity of the Academy is [] in the age range [], including a sixth form of [] places**

3 CAPITAL GRANT

3.1 **Pursuant to clause 35 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**

4A OTHER RELEVANT FUNDING

4A.1 The Secretary of State shall meet the Company's costs arising from Rent payable by the Company under the Lease. Such costs shall include those costs arising from any rent rise payable by the Company under the terms of the Lease, so long as the relevant rent rise is properly evidenced in writing by the Company to the Department as soon as is reasonably practicable, but such costs shall not include any amount in respect of service charge payments or insurance premiums. Where the definition of rent in the Lease includes service charge payments or insurance premiums, the Secretary of State shall exclude from the total grant payable in respect of Rent an amount in respect of such service charge payments or insurance premiums.

4B LEASE

4B.1.1 If the Company is in material breach of the provisions of the Lease or if it is reasonably foreseeable that the Company will be in material breach of the Lease, the Company shall forthwith give written notice to the Secretary of State specifying the exact nature of the material breach or reasonably foreseeable material breach and such notice shall set out the steps taken or to be taken by the Company to remedy the material breach or reasonably foreseeable material breach and, where appropriate, shall include the timescales relating to any remedial action.

a) **4B.1.2 The Company will at its own cost provide all information reasonably required by the Secretary of State in respect of any material breach or reasonably foreseeable material breach.**

b) **4B.2 Following the receipt by the Secretary of State of the written notice under clause 4B.1), the Company shall permit the Secretary of State to take all such steps in conjunction with or instead of the Company as may be necessary to remedy or prevent the material breach referred to in the said notice. The Company shall, in such circumstances, use its best endeavours to assist the Secretary of State to remedy or prevent such material breach.**

.4B.3.1 The Company shall, within 14 days of receiving any order, notice, proposal, demand or any other requirement affecting the ability of the Company to use the Land for the purposes of the Academy from any competent authority, give full particulars by written notice to the Secretary of State and deliver to the Secretary of

State copies of such documents as he may require. Such notice shall state what steps, if any actions are required, the Company intends to take in response to the order, notice, proposal, demand or other requirement affecting the Land.

4B.3.2 The Company will at its own cost provide all information reasonably required by the Secretary of State in respect of order, notice, proposal, demand or any other requirement affecting the Land as referred to in clause 4B.3.1.

4B.3.3 Following the receipt by the Secretary of State of the written notice under clause 4B.3.1, the Company shall permit the Secretary of State to take all steps in conjunction with or instead of the Company as may be necessary to comply with any order, notice, proposal, demand or other requirement affecting the Land referred to in the said notice. The Company shall, in such circumstances, use all reasonable endeavours to assist the Secretary of State to take the appropriate required steps.

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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 or any subsequent anniversary of that date, save where the provisions of this Agreement otherwise provide.**

5.2 **If the Secretary of State is of the opinion that the Academy no longer meets the requirements set out in clause 12 of the Master Agreement or that the conditions and requirements set out in clauses 13-34B of the Master Agreement are not being met, or that the Company is otherwise in material breach of the provisions of this Agreement or the Master Agreement, the Secretary of State may give notice of his intention to terminate this Agreement.**

5.3 **Any such notice shall be in writing and shall:**

- 5.3.1. state the grounds on which the Secretary of State considers the Academy no longer meets the requirements set out in clause 12 of the Master Agreement or is not meeting the conditions and requirements of clauses 13-34B of the Master Agreement or the Company is otherwise in material breach of the provisions of this Agreement or the Master Agreement;
 - 5.3.2. specify the measures needed to remedy the situation or breach;
 - 5.3.3. specify a reasonable date by which these measures are to be implemented; and
 - 5.3.4. 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 5.3.4, 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 5.3.4, the Secretary of State shall consider it, and any representations made by the Company, and shall, within three months of its receipt, indicate that:**
- 5.5.1. he is content with the response and/or that the measures which he specified are being implemented; or
 - 5.5.2. 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
 - 5.5.3. 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 5.5.3 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 meet the requirements set out in clause 12 of the Master Agreement or does not and will not meet the conditions and requirements set out in clauses 13-34B of the Master Agreement or the Company is in material breach of the provisions of this Agreement or the Master 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 73 of the Master 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 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 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:

5.9.1. 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

5.9.2. 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

5.9.3. 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 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 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 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:

5.16.1.the Chief Inspector has given 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

5.16.2.the Chief Inspector has carried out a subsequent inspection of the Academy in accordance with the Education Act 2005 and has made 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

5.16.3.the Secretary of State has 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

5.16.4.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:

5.17.1.by notice in writing to the Company terminate this Agreement forthwith; or

5.17.2.subject to clause 102 of the Master 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.

- 5.18 In the event that the Secretary of State appoints Further Directors in accordance with clause 5.17.2, 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 the Company has not obtained full planning permission (including where relevant listed building consent), in respect of the site on which it is proposed that the Academy will be situated, by date XX/YY/20XX, the Secretary of State may by notice terminate this Agreement forthwith or may provide such notice as he deems appropriate in the circumstances in writing to terminate this Agreement.
- 5.20 If at any time after the signing of this Agreement but prior to the Academy opening date, the Secretary of State is of the view that:
1. the Academy would, on opening, provide an unacceptably low standard of education; or
 2. the safety of pupils or staff at the Academy would, on opening, be threatened; or
 3. the staff employed at the Academy are unsuitable; or
 4. the buildings and other structures on the Land are unsuitable or the Company has not obtained Building Regulation approval;

he may in writing either:

- (a) require the Company (i) not to open the Academy; and/or (ii) not to admit pupils of a particular age range, to be determined by the Secretary of State; and/or (iii) not to use any building or other structure on the Land until such time as the relevant matter or matters listed in 1. to 4. above has or have been resolved to the Secretary of State's satisfaction; or
- (b) terminate this Agreement forthwith or provide such notice as he deems appropriate in the circumstances to terminate this Agreement.

5.21 If the Company has not entered into the Lease by date [XX/YY/20XX], the Secretary of State may by notice terminate this Agreement forthwith or may provide such notice as he deems appropriate in the circumstances in writing to terminate this Agreement.

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 Sections 1 and 1A 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 meet the requirements set out in clause 12 of the Master Agreement, or is no longer meeting the conditions and requirements set out in clauses 13-34B of the Master Agreement or that the Company is otherwise in material breach of the provisions of this Agreement or the Master Agreement, the Secretary of State may 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 may 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 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..

7 ANNEX

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

7A **GENERAL**

7A.1 This Agreement shall not be assignable by the Company.

7A.2 The Secretary of State and the Company agree that, notwithstanding the termination of this Agreement, any obligation upon the Company and/or the Secretary of State expressed as arising upon the termination of this Agreement shall continue to subsist.

8 THE MASTER AGREEMENT

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

9 ENGLISH LAW

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

A. Land clauses

For the majority of Free Schools, variations of all or some of the following clauses will need to be inserted. The clauses below are based on the school land being leasehold land. Alternative clauses are available for freehold land. Some of the clauses will be removed if the land is held as freehold land.

Clauses 10A, 10G, 10J to 10L and 10N will be inserted if the Secretary of State assists the Company to acquire the freehold of the school site or a premium is paid by the Secretary of State to acquire leasehold premises for the school. These clauses provide the Secretary of State with protection for the public monies invested in the site. Clause 10M will generally be inserted in such situations where clause 10H is also included (see below). Where 10H is not included, clause 10M will be removed and a minor amendment will be made to clause 10K to remove reference to the use of the option under clause 10E.

Clause 10B will generally be inserted in all Funding Agreements.

Clauses 10C and 10D will be amended should the land in question be freehold land.

Clauses 10E and 10F will be inserted into the majority of Funding Agreements; this enables the Secretary of State to continue to use the school site for another Free School or Academy should the Funding Agreement be terminated in order to protect the public investment in the land. Minor amendments may be made to these clauses to reflect the way that the land is held.

Clause 10H will be inserted where there are possible conditions that may prevent the land being used as the permanent site of the Free School – for example if it is deemed to be unsuitable prior to the opening of the Free School (or where a temporary site is used in the first years of the Free School before the Free School moves to the permanent site). This enables the Secretary of State to recover the land for use by another Free School or Academy, or to require the Company to sell the land in order to fund the purchase of an alternative site and to return any public monies not used to purchase the alternative site.

Clause 10I will generally be inserted in all Funding Agreements, but will be subject to amendment where no Legal Charge is in place.

Further clauses (and potentially additional definitions) may also need to be inserted into the Funding Agreement specific to your Free School dependent upon the specific land arrangements for the school site to further provide protection for the investment of public monies in the site. These may include further clauses to enable the Secretary of State to rectify any breaches of the terms of the lease, to intervene in the Company in order to secure a permanent site for your Free School or to terminate the Funding Agreement if it is not possible to secure a permanent site for your Free School.

Companies should be aware that any disposal of land acquired with the assistance of the Secretary of State will require the consent of the Secretary of State, who will wish to ensure that the public funds will continue to be used for the purposes of the Free School.

Your policy lead will be able to provide you with guidance as to whether these clauses are applicable and what further clauses might be required.

The following definitions should be inserted at clause 1.2:

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

“Discharge Process”

means the removal of:-

- i. the Legal Charge registered with Companies House as against the Company;
- ii. the Legal Charge from the charges register at the Land Registry against the title for the Land;
- iii. the restriction in the proprietorship register as referred to in 10B(a);
and
- iv. the notice in the proprietorship register as referred to in 10F(a)

“Insured Risks” means fire lightning explosion earthquake storm tempest flood subsidence landslip heave impact terrorism bursting or overflowing of water tanks and pipes earthquake damage by aircraft and other aerial devices or articles dropped there from riot and civil commotion labour disturbance and malicious damage and such other risks as the Company insures against from time to time subject in all cases to any exclusions or limitations as may from time to time be imposed by the insurers or underwriters;

“the Land” means the land (including for the avoidance of doubt all buildings, structures landscaping and other erections) situated at and known as [insert address of the Land] and registered under [enter Title number of the Land] making up the permanent site of the Academy or the part of such land remaining in the ownership of the Company, following any disposal in accordance with clause 10I(c) ii or clause 10K;

“Land Value” means, at any time:-

(a) where there has been a disposal of the Land as a result of the enforcement of the Legal Charge by the Secretary of State, the proceeds of that disposal after payment of any necessary and reasonable costs incurred by the seller in connection with such disposal; or

(b) in any other case, the Market Value of the Land;

The following definition should be amended dependent upon when the legal charge is to be entered into:

“Legal Charge” means the legal charge to be entered into [on or around the date of this Agreement][upon the acquisition of the Land] by the Company in favour of the Secretary of State over the Land, in a form and substance satisfactory to the Secretary of State;

“Market Value” the market value of the relevant part of the Land (as that term is defined or referred to in the RICS Appraisal and Valuation Manual (current edition) published by RICS), as determined by a professionally qualified independent valuer;

AND

Insert the following headings and paragraphs after clause 10 to become 10 A)-N):

Debt

10A) a) The Secretary of State has agreed to make payments of Capital Grant to the Company pursuant to Clause 38 of the Master Agreement;

10A) b) The payments referred to at 10A(a) are made available to the Company on an interest free basis;

10A) c) In consideration of the Secretary of State making the payments referred to at 10A(a) and financing the acquisition of the Land, the Company shall pay the Debt upon termination of this Agreement or in accordance with clauses 10H(b) or 10K(a)

or upon any disposition by way of sale of the whole or part of the Land, whether or not such sale has been consented to by the Secretary of State; and

10A) d) The Debt shall be secured by the Legal Charge.

Restrictions on Land transfer

10B) In consideration that it has or will be obtaining a legal interest in the Land, such acquisition being financed by the Secretary of State, the Company:

- a)i) shall, within 28 days from [the entering into of the Lease][the transfer of the Land to the Company], should the Company be a non-exempt charity at that time, apply to the Land Registry for restrictions 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) ('LRR 2003') in the following terms:

No disposition of the registered estate by the proprietor of the registered estate to which sections 117-121 or section 124 of the Charities Act 2011 applies is to be registered unless the instrument contains a certificate complying with section 122(3) or section 125(2) of that Act, as appropriate.

No disposition of the registered estate by the proprietor of the registered estate or by the proprietor of any registered charge is to be registered without a written consent signed by the proprietor for the time being of the charge dated [date]² in favour of The Secretary of State for Education of Sanctuary Buildings, Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BT referred to in the charges register or, if appropriate, signed on such proprietor's behalf by its conveyancer.

² Date to be inserted should be date charge is entered into.

- a)ii) shall, within 28 days from [the entering into of the Lease][the transfer of the Land to the Company], should the Company be an exempt charity at that time, 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) ('LRR 2003') in the following terms:

No disposition of the registered estate by the proprietor of the registered estate or by the proprietor of any registered charge is to be registered without a written consent signed by the proprietor for the time being of the charge dated [date]³ in favour of The Secretary of State for Education of Sanctuary Buildings, Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BT referred to in the charges register or, if appropriate, signed on such proprietor's behalf by its conveyancer.

- b) shall take any further steps reasonably required to ensure that the restriction referred to in clause 10B(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 10B(a) as soon as reasonably practicable after it receives notification from the Land Registry,
- d) in the event that it has not registered the restriction referred to in clause 10B(a), hereby consents to the entering of the restriction referred to in 10B(a) in the register by the Secretary of State (under s. 43(1)(b) of the Land Registration Act 2002); and
- 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 10B(a) or 10B(d) above, whether by

³ Date to be inserted should be date charge is entered into.

itself, a holding company, a subsidiary company, or a receiver, administrator or liquidator acting in the name of the Company.

Obligations of the Company

10C) (i) The Company shall keep the Land clean and tidy and make good any damage it causes to the Land and / or any deterioration to the condition of the Land that may arise from the date of this Agreement, save that the Company shall ensure that any actions undertaken in compliance with this clause shall be consistent with the terms of the Lease. In compliance with this clause, the Company shall not do or cause or permit to be done anything to lessen the value or marketability of the Land save with the express written consent of the Secretary of State.

10C)(ii) The Company shall observe and comply with its obligations under the Lease and shall promptly enforce its rights against the Landlord.

10C)(iii) The Company agrees it shall seek and obtain the prior written consent of the Secretary of State, not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed before taking any steps to:

- a) terminate, vary, surrender or dispose of the Lease; and / or
- b) grant any consent or licence in respect of the Land or any part of it; and / or
- c) create or permit to arise or continue any encumbrance affecting the Land or any part of it; and / or
- d) part with or share possession or occupation of the Land or any part of it; and / or
- e) enter into any onerous or restrictive obligations affecting the Land or any part of it.

Insurance

10D) The Company shall, save where the terms of the Lease provide for the Landlord to obtain insurance in respect of the Land:-

- a) keep the Land insured as in accordance with the terms of the Lease and in any event with a reputable insurance office against loss or damage by the Insured Risks in the sum the Company is advised represents the reinstatement value of the Land from time to time;
- b) pay the premiums for insurance promptly as they become due and maintain in force the policies of insurance on the Land;
- c) following the incidence of damage to or destruction of the Land and subject to receipt of all necessary consents licences permissions and the like apply the proceeds of the policy of the insurance received for those purposes in rebuilding and reinstating the Land (provided that this clause should be satisfied if the Company provides premises not necessarily identical to the Land as the same existing prior to such damage or destruction occurring) as soon as may be reasonably practicable;
- d) produce to the Secretary of State a copy of the insurance policy whenever reasonably requested and the receipt for the last premium or other evidence of renewal and up to date details of the amount of cover (but no more often than once in any period of 12 months in both cases);
- e) not knowingly do anything whereby any policy of insurance relating to the Land may become void or voidable.
- f) insure against liability in respect of property owners' and third party risks including occupiers liability.

Transfer of Land

10E) In consideration that it has or will be obtaining a legal interest in the Land, such acquisition being financed by the Secretary of State, the Company hereby grants and the Secretary of State hereby accepts an option, exercisable by the Secretary of State or his nominee, to re-acquire the said Land or any part thereof at nil consideration. The option hereby granted shall be exercisable (by notice in writing by

or on behalf of the Secretary of State) on the termination of this Funding Agreement for whatever cause or in circumstances where the Company is unable to use all or part of the Land as the permanent site of the Academy in accordance with clauses 10H or 10K. On the exercise of this option, the Law Society's Standard Conditions of Sale for Commercial Property in force at the date of such exercise shall apply to the transaction and completion shall take place 28 days after such exercise.

10F) In consideration that it has or will be obtaining a legal interest in the Land, such acquisition being financed by the Secretary of State, the Company:

- a) shall, within 14 days from the transfer to it of the Land, apply to the Land Registry in Form AN1 as prescribed by Rule 81 of the Land Registration Rules 2003 for a notice to be entered in the register (under section 34(3)(a) of the Land Registration Act 2002) to protect the option granted under clause 10E and including a copy of this Agreement as evidence of that option,
- b) shall take any further steps required to ensure that the notice referred to in clause 10F(a) is entered on the proprietorship register,
- c) shall provide the Secretary of State with confirmation of the entry of the notice referred to in clause 10F(a) as soon as practicable after it receives notification from the Land Registry,
- d) in the event that it has not registered the notice referred to in clause 10F(a), hereby consents to the entering of the notice referred to in 10F(a) in the register by the Secretary of State (by application in Form UN1 under s. 34(3)(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 notice entered in accordance with clause 10F(a) or 10F(d) above, whether by itself, a holding company, a subsidiary company, or a receiver, administrator or liquidator acting in the name of the Trust, and

f) in the case of previously unregistered land, for the further protection of the option granted in Clause 10E the Company shall within 14 days of the signing of this Agreement make application to register a Class C (iv) land charge in the Land Charges Registry and a Caution against First Registration in the Land Registry and shall provide the Secretary of State with copies of the entries secured thereby within 7 days of completing each registration, respectively. If the Secretary of State is of the view that the Company has failed to perform the registration obligations in this sub-clause he shall be at liberty to make his own applications to secure these registrations.

Legal Charge

10G) In consideration that it has or will be obtaining a legal interest in the Land, such acquisition being financed by the Secretary of State, the Company:

a. shall enter into the Legal Charge upon completion of the acquisition of said interest;

b. shall, within 21 days from the entry into of the Legal Charge, register the Legal Charge with Companies House or if required by the Secretary of State shall use all reasonable endeavours to assist the Secretary of State to register the Legal Charge at Companies House, including signing and executing any documents, deeds and/or forms as required;

c. shall, within 28 days from the date of the Legal Charge, apply to the Land Registry for the Legal Charge to be entered on the charges register, using forms AP1 (Rule 13 LRR 2003) and CH1 (Rule 103 LRR 2003) or such form as may be required by the Secretary of State;

d. shall take any further steps required to ensure that the Legal Charge is entered on the charges register;

e. shall provide the Secretary of State with confirmation of the registration of the Legal Charge as soon as reasonably practicable after it receives notification from the Land Registry; and

f. in the event that it has not registered the Legal Charge, hereby consents to the registration of the Legal Charge by the Secretary of State. To enable the Secretary of State to do so, the Company shall use all reasonable endeavours to assist the Secretary of State to register the Legal Charge, including signing and executing any documents, deeds and/or forms as required, specifically but not limited to providing the Secretary of State with the executed Legal Charge and completed AP1/CH1 forms, and dealing with any requisitions raised by the Land Registry.

Failure to use the Land for the purposes of the Academy

10H) If the Company is unable to use the Land or any part thereof as the permanent site of the Academy but the Secretary of State agrees not to terminate this Agreement on that basis, the Secretary of State may give notice to the Company that:-

- a) he intends to exercise the option granted under clause 10E) to transfer the Land or the relevant part thereof for nil consideration to himself or his nominee;
- b) the Company pays the Debt or the Market Value; and/or
- c) the Company shall dispose of the Land or the relevant part thereof and that, pursuant to clause 86 of the Master Agreement, the Company may retain some or all of the proceeds of sale of the Land or the relevant part thereof in order to fulfil its charitable purposes by funding the purchase of an alternative permanent site for the Company, save that any proceeds not used to fund the purchase of an alternative permanent site shall be accounted for to the Secretary of State or his nominee.

Sharing of the Land

10I) The Company agrees that if:

- a) the Academy does not reach its planned capacity over a period of [X] Academy Funding Years; or
- b) notice of termination is served by either the Company or the Secretary of State in accordance with clause 5.1 of this Agreement; or
- c) in the reasonable opinion of the Secretary of State the operation of the Academy at planned capacity does not require the use of the full extent of the Land,
 - i. it will share occupation of the Land with such other Academy as the Secretary of State deems appropriate in the circumstances and enter into such legal arrangements in respect of the same as are required by the Secretary of State; or
 - ii. it will dispose of part of the Land as required by the Secretary of State and account for any proceeds of such disposal to the Secretary of State or his nominee as part payment of the Debt. Upon such disposal and part payment of the Debt, the Secretary of State will discharge the Legal Charge in respect of the part of the Land that has been disposed of.

Exercise of Rights

10J) On the termination of this Agreement, the Secretary of State may give notice of his intention to exercise the rights conferred upon the Secretary of State pursuant to clauses 6.5 and 6.6 of this Agreement, 10E and the Legal Charge:

- a) any such notice shall be in writing and shall confirm which clause of this Agreement the Secretary of State intends to exercise without prejudice to the Secretary of State's right to exercise all and any other rights available to him;
- b) in the event that upon termination of this Agreement for whatever reason, the

Secretary of State exercises his option granted and the legal interest in the Land is transferred to the Secretary of State or his nominee for nil consideration by the Company pursuant to clause 10E, the Company's obligation to pay the Debt shall be deemed to have been satisfied in full, the obligation on the Company to pay a proportion of the proceeds of sale of the Land to the Secretary of State under clause 6.5(b) shall be deemed to have been complied with, and the Secretary of State shall take all steps reasonably required to carry out the Discharge Process;

- c) in the event that upon termination of this Agreement for whatever reason the Secretary of State enforces the Legal Charge, the Company's obligation to pay the Debt shall be deemed to have been satisfied in full following the realisation of the Debt by any receiver, the obligation on the Company to pay a proportion of the proceeds of sale of the Land to the Secretary of State under clause 6.5(b) shall be deemed to have been complied with, and the Secretary of State shall take all steps reasonably required to carry out the Discharge Process;
- d) in the event that upon termination of this Agreement for whatever reason, the Secretary of State exercises his rights under clause 6.5, the Company's obligations to pay the Debt shall be deemed to have been satisfied in full and the Secretary of State shall take all steps reasonably required to carry out the Discharge Process; and
- e) in the event that upon termination of this Agreement for whatever reason, the Secretary of State agrees that pursuant to clause 6.6 the Company may invest the proceeds of the sale of the Land for its charitable objects or directs the Company to pay all or part of the proceeds of sale of the Land to the LA, the Company's obligations to pay the Debt shall be deemed to have been satisfied in full and the Secretary of State shall take all steps reasonably required to carry out the Discharge Process.

10K) On the Company applying to the Secretary of State for consent to the disposal of all or part of the Land during the lifetime of this Agreement, the Secretary of State shall, should he agree that the Land is no longer required or cannot be used for the purposes of the Academy, subject to clause 84 of the Master Agreement,

a) consent to the disposal subject to any one or a combination of the following conditions:-

- iii. that (notwithstanding the provisions of clause 86 of the Master Agreement the Company pays the Debt in full or, in the event of a proposed disposal of part, repays to the Secretary of State the Market Value;
- iv. that pursuant to clause 86 of the Master Agreement, the Company may retain some or all proceeds of the disposal for its charitable purposes, subject to the Company accounting to the Secretary of State for any remaining proceeds of sale that the Secretary of State does not agree that the Company may retain for such charitable purposes; or
- v. that pursuant to clause 87 of the Master Agreement, the Company pays all or some of the proceeds of sale to the LA and / or may reinvest all or some of the proceeds of sale for its charitable purposes,

and any such notice of consent and conditions shall be in writing; or

b) exercise the option granted to him pursuant to clause 10E to transfer the relevant part of the Land to him or his nominee for nil consideration.

10L) In the event that the Secretary of State consents to the disposal of the Land during the lifetime of this Agreement, subject to any of the conditions set out in clause 10K(a):

a) if the Secretary of State enforces the Legal Charge, the Company's obligation to pay the Debt shall be deemed to have been satisfied in full following the realisation of the Debt by any receiver, the obligations on the Company to pay a proportion of the proceeds of sale of the Land to the Secretary of State under clause 86 of the Master Agreement shall be deemed to have been complied with, and the Secretary of State shall take all steps reasonably

required to carry out the Discharge Process.

- b) if the Secretary of State agrees that the Company may retain some or all proceeds of the disposal for its charitable purposes, subject to the Company accounting to the Secretary of State for any remaining proceeds of sale that the Secretary of State does not agree that the Company may retain for such charitable purposes, the Company's obligations to pay the Debt shall be deemed to have been satisfied in full, the obligations on the Company to pay a proportion of the proceeds of sale of the Land to the Secretary of State under clause 86 of the Master Agreement shall be deemed to have been complied with and the Secretary of State shall take all steps reasonably required to carry out the Discharge Process, provided that in the event of a disposal of part of the Land, the Company's obligation to pay the Debt shall be deemed to have been satisfied to the extent of the Market Value, the Company's obligation under clause 86 of the Master Agreement shall be deemed to have been satisfied in relation to the relevant part of the Land, the Legal Charge shall be released and the restriction and the notice shall be removed in relation to such part and the Legal Charge, the restriction and the notice shall remain in place in relation to the balance of the Land.
- c) if the Secretary of State directs the Company to pay all or part of the proceeds of sale of the Land to the LA pursuant to clause 87 of the Master Agreement or agrees that the Company may reinvest the proceeds of the sale for its charitable purposes, the Secretary of State shall take all steps reasonably required to carry out the Discharge Process, provided that in the event of a disposal of part of the Land the restriction and notice shall remain in place in relation to the balance of the Land.

10M) In the event that the Secretary of State exercises his option during the lifetime of this Agreement under clause 10K(b) and the legal interest in the Land is transferred to the Secretary of State or his nominee for nil consideration by the Company pursuant to clause 10E, the Company's obligation to pay the Debt shall be deemed to have been satisfied in full, the obligations on the Company to pay a proportion of the proceeds of sale of the Land to the Secretary of State under clause 86 of the Master Agreement shall be deemed to have been complied with, and the Secretary of State shall take all steps reasonably required to carry out the Discharge Process, provided that in the event of the exercise of the option in relation to part of the Land, the Company's obligation to pay the Debt shall be deemed to have been

satisfied to the extent of the Market Value, the Company's obligation under clause 86 of the Master Agreement shall be deemed to have been satisfied in relation to the relevant part of the Land and the Legal Charge shall be released and the restriction and notice shall be removed in relation to such part and the Legal Charge, the restriction and the notice shall remain in place in relation to the balance of the Land.

Payment of Debt

10N) In the event that the Company pays all the Debt, upon termination of this Agreement or at any other time, the Secretary of State shall take all steps reasonably required to carry out the Discharge Process.

This Agreement was executed as a Deed on 2012

Executed on behalf of by:

.....
Director

.....
Director/Secretary

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

.....

Duly Authorised

ANNEX TO THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT

Requirements for the Admission for pupils at the
Academy Annex 1

ANNEX B

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

Duties in relation to pupils with SEN

1. The Directors of the Company must in respect of each 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 time⁴;
 - 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 time⁵.

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 an 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 Currently these duties are in sections 313 (Duty to have regard to the Special Educational Needs Code of Practice 2001); 317 (Duties in relation to pupils with special educational needs), 317A (Duty to advise parents that special educational provision is being made); and 324(5)(b) (Duty to admit the child where a school is named in the statement).

⁵ These Regulations are amended by The Education (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinators) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2009 (SI 2009 No 1387).

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 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 2010⁶).

Admissions

5. The Company must ensure that pupils with SEN are admitted on an equal basis with others in accordance with its admissions policy.
6. Where a local authority (“LA”) proposes to name an 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, the Company must admit the child to the school on the date specified in the statement or on the date specified by the LA.
9. Where the Company considers 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

⁶ For the meaning of ‘disabled’, see section 6 of the Equality Act 2010.

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 to the Supplemental Agreement.