

Dear Parents and Carers,

I thought it was important for parents / carers of school students to be informed of the process which is followed when an academy is judged inadequate by Ofsted. [About us - Regional Schools Commissioners - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

The note on process below has been provided by the Regional Schools Commissioner for North West London and South Central, Dame Kate Dethridge

- When an academy is judged to be inadequate by Ofsted, the Department for Education (DfE) is responsible for taking action to address the issues at the school.
- The Regional Schools Commissioner will seek a view from trustees on the academy's ability to improve.
- The RSC will then consider these views before deciding whether the academy should remain as a standalone trust or transfer to another trust.
- If the RSC decides to transfer the school, she will review the trusts already operating nearby with an open mind against a consistent set of criteria that are available online, and identify the trust that she thinks has the capacity to improve the school ([Regional Schools Commissioners' Approach to Sponsor Matching \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)).
- If the RSC has identified a preferred trust, she will discuss this with her Advisory Board ([Advisory boards - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)). If any members of the board have conflicts of interest with the items being discussed, they are asked to step out for that part of the agenda and do not receive the papers beforehand.
- The announcement of the preferred trust will be made in the agenda for the Advisory Board meeting, which will be published in advance. A dedicated inbox is opened and details of how parents can email with their thoughts is shared in advance.
- The RSC will then take a decision or in some cases will make a recommendation to the School's Minister Baroness Barran, who will make the final decision on behalf of the Secretary of State.
- When an academy is judged to be inadequate our aim is to act swiftly to provide stability and some certainty about the future of the school.

Kind regards,

Vic Daniels
Chair of Governors