

Statement on Department for Education decision to issue a pre termination warning notice

The Department for Education (DfE) has issued a pre termination notice, which announces they are considering whether to remove Ernulf Academy from the St Neots Learning Partnership.

Our Trust Board is extremely disappointed at the decision, as it ignores two years of good progress at the school.

Although further progress needs to be made at Ernulf Academy we have already transformed the behaviour, attitudes and attendance of pupils and we have robust plans in place to create a step-change in educational outcomes at the school. The DfE has been consistently supportive of our approach during the last two-and-a-half years, but we need additional funding to complete our transformation strategy, which the DfE has failed to deliver despite encouraging our approach.

The Trust Board are currently working with the DfE to agree a way forward and believe it is not too late for the Government to reverse this decision and work in partnership with the school to improve outcomes for the children of St Neots.

We will update you on the situation as soon as we are able to. In the meantime, school life will carry on as normal.