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DATED *17th May* 2013

(1) THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EDUCATION

(2) NORTHERN ACADEMIES TRUST

SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT

Re: North Liverpool Academy

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THIS AGREEMENT made

17th May

2013

BETWEEN

(1) THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EDUCATION; and

(2) NORTHERN ACADEMIES TRUST a charitable company incorporated in England and Wales with company number 05067702 ("**the Company**").

IS SUPPLEMENTAL TO THE FUNDING AGREEMENT made between the Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families and the Company dated 22 July 2005, as subsequently amended by a Deed of Variation dated the *17th* day of *May* 2013 (the "**Master Agreement**").

1 DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

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.

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

"the Academy" means the North Liverpool Academy established at 120 Heyworth Street, L5 OSQ;

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

1.2 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.

2A.1 The Company shall abide by the requirements of the current 16 to 19 Funding Guidance published by the Secretary of State and as amended from time to time, or such other guidance on 16 to 19 funding issued by the Secretary of State as may from time to time be applicable, in respect of any of its provision at the Academy for persons who are above compulsory school age until the academic year in which they reach the age of 19.

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- 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 opened as a school on 1 September 2006 replacing Anfield Community School and Breckfield Community School which ceased to be maintained by the Local Authority on that date.
- 2.5 The planned capacity of the Academy is 1750 in the age range 11-18, which includes a sixth form of 400 places.

3 CAPITAL GRANT

- 3.1 Pursuant to clause 38 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 In the Academy Financial Years 2013/14 and 2014/15 (for the avoidance of doubt ending on the 31 August 2015) ("**the Protection Period**"), the basis of the pupil count shall be the Company's most recent estimate of the number of pupils on roll provided in accordance with clause 45A of the Master Agreement, subject to the adjustment procedure at clause 4.2 below.
- 4.2 The Secretary of State may make adjustments to GAG for the following Academy Financial Year to recognise any variation between the number of pupils that were actually on the roll in the previous September and the Company's estimate provided in accordance with clause 45A in the following circumstances:
- (i) pupil numbers are 10% or more below estimates; or
 - (ii) pupil numbers are 5% or more above estimates

The basis of these will be set out in the Annual Letter of Funding.

- 4.3 On the expiration of the Protection Period, the Secretary of State agrees to pay GAG in relation to the Academy in accordance with the Master Agreement.

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4.4 The Secretary of State agrees to pay EAG to the Company in relation to the Academy in accordance with the Master Agreement.

4A **COMPLAINTS**

Not used.

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 in any year.

Termination Warning Notice

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

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

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

- (a) reasons for the Secretary of State's issue of the Termination Warning Notice;

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- (b) the remedial measures which the Secretary of State requires the Company to carry out, with associated deadlines, in order to rectify the defaults identified ("**Specified Remedial Measures**"); and
 - (c) the date by which the Company must respond to the Termination Warning Notice providing its representations with regard thereto or confirm that it accepts and agrees to undertake the Specified Remedial Measures.
- 5.4 The Secretary of State shall consider any response and representations from the Company which are received by the date specified in accordance with clause 5.3(c) and shall confirm whether he considers that:
- (a) in the light of the Company's representations in response to the Termination Warning Notice, some or all of the Specified Remedial Measures are not required to be implemented (and if so which) and/or the Specified Remedial Measures are being or will be implemented within the specified timeframe; or
 - (b) subject to any further measures he reasonably requires ("**Further Remedial Measures**") being implemented by a specified date or any evidence he requires being provided, the implementation of such measures has been or will be successfully completed within the specified timeframes; or
 - (c) he is not satisfied that the Company will rectify the defaults identified in the Termination Warning Notice within the specified timeframes. (In such circumstances, the Secretary of State may notify the Company of his intention to terminate the Agreement on a specified date.)
- 5.5 The Secretary of State may by notice in writing terminate this Agreement with effect from a specified date in the event that:
- (a) the Company has not, by the date specified in clause 5.3(c), responded to the Termination Warning Notice either confirming that it accepts and agrees to undertake the Specified Remedial Measures or providing its representations with regard to the Specified Remedial Measures; or

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- (b) the Company has not carried out the Specified Remedial Measures and/or Further Remedial Measures within the specified timeframes;

provided that having considered any representations made by the Academy Trust pursuant to clause 5.3(c), the Secretary of State remains satisfied that it is appropriate to terminate the Agreement.

Notice of Intention to Terminate

5.6 The Secretary of State may at any time give written notice of his intention to terminate this Agreement where the Chief Inspector gives notice to the Company in accordance with section 13(3) of the Education Act 2005 stating that in the Chief Inspector's opinion –

- (a) special measures are required to be taken in relation to the Academy; or
- (b) the Academy requires significant improvement.

5.7 Any notice issued by the Secretary of State in accordance with clause 5.6 shall invite the Company to respond with any representations within a specified timeframe.

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

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

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

Termination with Immediate Effect

5.9 If the Secretary of State has cause to serve a notice on the Company under section 165 of the Education Act 2002 and a determination (from which all rights of appeal have been exhausted) has been made that the Academy shall be struck off the Register of Independent Schools, he may

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

Notice of Intention to Terminate by Company

- 5.10 The 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.
- 5.11 Any notice given by the Company under clause 5.10 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 5.10 above, within six weeks after the Secretary of State shall have done so. The notice must specify:
- 5.11.1 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

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- 5.11.2 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
- 5.11.3 a detailed budget of income and expenditure for the Academy during the Critical Year (the "**Projected Budget**").
- 5.12 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.
- 5.13 If no agreement is reached by 30 April (or such other date as may be agreed between the parties) as to whether the cost of running the Academy during the Critical Year on the basis of the Indicative Funding and All Other Resources would cause the Company to become insolvent, then that question shall be referred to an independent expert (the "**Expert**") for resolution. The Expert's determination shall be final and binding on both parties. The Expert shall be requested to specify in his determination the amount of the shortfall in funding (the "**Shortfall**"). The Expert shall be an insolvency practitioner with significant professional experience of educational institutions or academies. If the parties fail to agree upon the appointment of the Expert then the Expert shall be appointed by the President for the time being of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales. The Expert's fees shall be borne equally between the parties.
- 5.14 The Expert shall be required in reaching his determination to take account of advice from an educational specialist who is professionally familiar with the issues arising from the budget management of schools. If the parties fail to agree upon the appointment of the educational specialist then the educational specialist shall be appointed by the Chairman for the time being of the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust. The educational specialist's fees shall be borne equally between the parties.
- 5.15 If the Expert determines that the cost of running the Academy during the Critical Year would cause the Company, on the basis of the Indicative Funding and All Other Resources, to become insolvent, and the Secretary

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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.

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 clauses 6.3 and 6.4, if the Secretary of State terminates this Agreement pursuant to clause 5.1 of this Agreement, the Secretary of State shall indemnify the Company. If the Secretary of State terminates this Agreement otherwise than pursuant to clause 5.1 of this Agreement, the Secretary of State may in his absolute discretion indemnify or (to such extent if any as he may in his absolute discretion consider appropriate) compensate the Company.
- 6.3 The amount of any such indemnity or compensation shall be determined by the Secretary of State having regard to any representations made to him by the Company, and shall be paid at such times and in such manner as the Secretary of State may reasonably think fit.
- 6.4 The categories of expenditure incurred by the Company in consequence of the termination of the Agreement in respect of which the Secretary of State shall (where the Secretary of State terminates this Agreement pursuant to clause 5.1) indemnify the Company and may (where the Secretary of State terminates this Agreement otherwise than pursuant to clause 5.1) in his absolute discretion indemnify or compensate the Company include (but not by way of limitation), staff compensation and redundancy payments, compensation payments in respect of broken contracts, expenses of disposing of assets or adapting them for other purposes, legal and other professional fees, and dissolution expenses.
- 6.5 Subject to clause 6.6, on the termination of this Agreement however occurring, the Company shall in respect of any of its capital assets at the date of termination:

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- (a) promptly transfer a proportion of the assets to a person nominated by the Secretary of State, if the Secretary of State considers that all or some of those assets need to be used for any educational purposes by that nominee. The proportion of the assets to be transferred shall be the same as the proportion of the capital contribution made by the Secretary of State to the original value of those assets, whether that contribution was made on the establishment of the Academy or at a later date; or
 - (b) if the Secretary of State confirms that a transfer under clause 6.5(a) is not required, promptly repay to the Secretary of State a sum equivalent to the percentage of the value of the assets at the date of termination, or, by agreement with the Secretary of State, at the date of subsequent disposal of those assets. Such percentage to be the same as the percentage of the capital contribution made by the Secretary of State to the original value of those assets, whether that contribution was made on the establishment of the Academy or later.
- 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 LA.
- 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.

8 **THE MASTER AGREEMENT**

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

8.2 Not used.

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9 **GENERAL**

- 9.1 This Agreement shall not be assignable by the Company.
- 9.2 No delay, neglect or forbearance on the part of the Secretary of State in enforcing (in whole or in part) any provision of this Agreement or in exercising (in whole or in part) any right or remedy conferred on him by this Agreement shall be or be deemed to be a waiver of such provision or right or remedy or a waiver of any other provision or right or remedy or shall in any way prejudice any right or remedy of the Secretary of State under this Agreement or shall amount to an election not to enforce such provision or exercise such right or remedy (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any right to terminate this Agreement). No single or partial exercise of such right or remedy shall preclude or restrict the further exercise of that or any other right or remedy.
- 9.3 Termination of this agreement, for any reason, shall not affect the accrued rights, remedies, obligations or liabilities of the parties existing at termination.
- 9.4 This deed may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which when executed and delivered shall constitute a duplicate original, but all the counterparts shall together constitute the one agreement.
- 9.5 This Agreement and any dispute or claim arising out of or in connection with it or its subject matter or formation (including non-contractual disputes or claims) shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the law of England and Wales.
- 9.6 The parties irrevocably agree that the courts of England and Wales shall have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute or claim that arises out of or in connection with this agreement or its subject matter or formation (including non-contractual disputes or claims).

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This Agreement was executed as a Deed on 17th May 2013

Executed on behalf of **Northern Academies Trust** by:

N Ward

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Director

In the presence of:

Witness..... *Alan Lyphard*

Address..... *C/o Stone King LLP, 16 St John's Lane, EC1M 4BS*

Occupation..... *lawyer*

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

[Signature]
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Duly Authorised