Deed of Novation and Variation

of the

Funding Agreement

for

St Thomas More Roman Catholic Academy



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The Parties to this Deed are

- (1) The Secretary of State for Education of Sanctuary Buildings, Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BT (Secretary of State);
- (2) St Thomas More Roman Catholic Academy, a charitable company incorporated in England and Wales with registered company number 07844795 whose registered address is at the Company Roman Catholic Academy, Lynn Road, North Shields NE29 8LF (the Company); and
- (3) Bishop Bewick Catholic Education Trust, a charitable company incorporated in England and Wales with registered company number 07841435 whose registered address is at Sacred Heart Catholic High School, Fenham Hall Drive, Newcastle upon Tyne NE4 9YH (Bishop Bewick),

together referred to as the Parties.

Introduction

- (A) St Thomas More Roman Catholic Academy is an academy within the meaning of the Academies Act 2010 (**Academy**) and is currently operated by the Company (an academy trust).
- (B) The Secretary of State and the Company entered into a funding agreement on 28 November 2011 (Agreement) for the maintenance and funding of the Academy, attached as Schedule 1.
- (C) It is proposed that, with effect from 00.01 am on 1 November 2020 (Transfer Date), Bishop Bewick will assume responsibility for the management and operation of the Academy in succession to the Company.
- (D) The Parties wish to novate the Agreement to Bishop Bewick and the Secretary of State and Bishop Bewick wish to vary the terms of the Agreement subject to the provisions of this Deed.

1. Legal Agreement

Any word or phrase used in this Deed shall, if that word or phrase is defined in the Agreement, bear the meaning given to it in the Agreement, unless defined otherwise in this Deed.

2. Novation

2.1 With effect from the Transfer Date:

- 2.1.1 the Company shall transfer all its rights and obligations under the Agreement to Bishop Bewick;
- 2.1.2 Bishop Bewick shall enjoy all the rights and benefits of the Company under the Agreement and all references to the Company in the Agreement shall be read and construed as references to Bishop Bewick.
- 2.1.3 Bishop Bewick agrees to perform the Agreement and be bound by its terms in every way as if it were the original party to them in place of the Company; and
- 2.1.4 the Secretary of State agrees to perform the Agreement and be bound by its terms in every way as if Bishop Bewick were the original party to it in place of the Company.

3. Obligations and Liabilities

- 3.1 With effect from the Transfer Date, the Company and the Secretary of State release each other from all future obligations to the other under the Agreement.
- 3.2 Each of the Company and the Secretary of State release and discharge the other from all claims and demands under or in connection with the Agreement arising after the Transfer Date.
- 3.3 Each of Bishop Bewick and the Secretary of State will have the right to enforce the Agreement and pursue any claims and demands under the Agreement against the other with respect to matters arising before, on or after the date of this Deed as though Bishop Bewick were the original party to the Agreement instead of the Company.

4. Indemnity

The Company agrees to indemnify Bishop Bewick against any losses, liabilities, claims, damages or costs that Bishop Bewick suffers or incurs under or in connection with the Agreement as a result of the Company's failure to perform or satisfy its obligations under the Agreement on or before the Transfer Date.

5. Variation

- The Secretary of State and Bishop Bewick agree that with effect from the Transfer Date the Agreement shall be amended and restated so as to take effect in the form set out in Schedule 2 to this Deed.
- 5.2 Except as varied by this Deed, the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.
- 5.3 This Deed shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with English law.

5.4 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 Deed or its subject matter or formation (including non-contractual disputes or claims).

6. **Counterparts**

This Deed may be executed in any number of counterparts and by the Parties to it on separate counterparts, each of which when so executed and delivered shall be an original, but all the counterparts shall together constitute one and the same instrument.

In witness whereof this Deed has been executed by the parties hereto and is intended to be and is hereby delivered on the last date listed below.

Executed as a deed by affixing the corporate seal)
of The Secretary of State for Education)
authenticated by:)
Duly authorised by The Secretary of State for Education	n

EXECUTED as a deed by **the**Company acting by one director in the presence of a witness:

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Print name
Date
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Print name
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Executed as a deed by Bishop Bewick
Catholic Education Trust acting by
one director in the presence of a
witness:

Director
Print name
Date
Vitness
Print name
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Schedule 1

Funding Agreement

Schedule 2

Amended Funding Agreement