

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REDACTION SHEET

Castle Wood Academy

Deed of Variation

Exemptions in full

n/a

Partial exemptions

Personal Information has been redacted from this document under Section 40 of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act.

Section 40 of the FOI Act concerns personal data within the meaning of the Data Protection Act 1998.

Factors for disclosure

- further to the understanding of and increase participation in the public debate of issues concerning Academies.
- to ensure transparency in the accountability of public funds

Factors for Withholding

- To comply with obligations under the Data Protection Act

Reasons why public interest favours withholding information

Whilst releasing the majority of the Castle Wood Academy **Deed of Variation** will further the public understanding of Academies, the whole of these documents cannot be revealed. If the personal information redacted were to be revealed under the FOI Act, Personal Data and Commercial interests would be prejudiced.

DEED OF VARIATION OF FUNDING AGREEMENTS

26/09/2025

The Parties to this Deed are:

(1) **The Secretary of State for Education** of Sanctuary Buildings, Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BT (the "**Secretary of State**");

- and -

(2) **Tall Oaks Academy Trust Ltd**, a company incorporated in England and Wales with registered company number 08395421, whose registered address is at White's Wood Academy, Whites Wood Lane, Gainsborough, Lincolnshire, DN21 1TJ (the "**Company**").

together referred to as the "**Parties**".

INTRODUCTION

- A. The Parties have entered into a master funding agreement on 26 February 2013 (which was amended and reinstated on 19 March 2015), a copy of which is contained in Schedule 1, (the "**Existing MFA**").
- B. The Parties have entered into a supplementary funding agreement in respect of the Castle Wood Academy on 1 September 2015 (which was amended and reinstated on 28 August 2019), a copy of which is contained in Schedule 2 (the "**Existing Castle Wood Academy SFA**");
- C. The Parties have entered into a supplementary funding agreement in respect of the Mercer's Wood Academy on 1 March 2013, a copy of which is contained in Schedule 3 (the "**Existing Mercer's Wood Academy SFA**"); and
- D. The Parties have entered into a supplementary funding agreement in respect of the White's Wood Academy on 1 March 2013, a copy of which is contained in Schedule 4 (the "**Existing White's Wood Academy SFA**"); and
- E. The Parties have agreed to amend and re-state the terms of the Existing MFA, the Existing Castle Wood Academy SFA, the Existing Mercer's Wood Academy SFA and the Existing White's Wood Academy SFA, on the terms set out in this Deed.

LEGAL AGREEMENT

- 1. Words, expressions and interpretations used in this Deed shall, unless the context expressly requires otherwise, have the meaning given to them in, and shall be interpreted in accordance with, the Amended Master Funding Agreement (as defined in clause 2 below).
- 2. The Secretary of State and the Company agree that with effect from the date of this Deed, the Existing MFA shall be amended and re-stated in the form of the Master Funding Agreement set out in Schedule 5 (the "**Amended Master Funding Agreement**"). For the avoidance of doubt, the Amended Master Funding Agreement does not terminate or suspend the Existing MFA but further amends and re-states it.
- 3. The Secretary of State and the Company agree that with effect from the date of this Deed, the Existing Castle Wood Academy SFA shall be

amended and re-stated in the form of the Amended Castle Wood Academy SFA set out in Schedule 6 (the "**Amended Castle Wood Academy SFA**"). For the avoidance of doubt, the Amended Castle Wood Academy SFA does not terminate or suspend the Existing Castle Wood Academy SFA but further amends and re-states it.

4. The Secretary of State and the Company agree that with effect from the date of this Deed, the Existing Mercer's Wood Academy SFA shall be amended and re-stated in the form of the Amended Mercer's Wood Academy SFA set out in Schedule 7 (the "**Amended Mercer's Wood Academy SFA**"). For the avoidance of doubt, the Amended Mercer's Wood Academy SFA does not terminate or suspend the Existing Mercer's Wood Academy SFA but amends and re-states it.
5. The Secretary of State and the Company agree that with effect from the date of this Deed, the Existing White's Wood Academy SFA shall be amended and re-stated in the form of the Amended White's Wood Academy SFA set out in Schedule 8 (the "**Amended White's Wood Academy SFA**"). For the avoidance of doubt, the Amended White's Wood Academy SFA does not terminate or suspend the Existing White's Wood Academy SFA but amends and re-states it.

GOVERNING LAW AND JURISDICTION

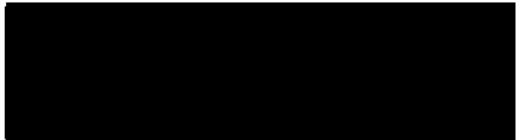
3. This Deed, and any dispute or claim arising out of or in connection with it, its subject matter or formation (including non-contractual disputes or claims) shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the law of England and Wales.
4. The Parties irrevocably agree that the courts of England 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).

COUNTERPARTS

5. 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:-)



e for Education

Date 26/09/2025



EXECUTED as a deed by **Tall**
Oaks Academy Trust Ltd
acting by:



Print name



Date 24.09.2025

Witnessed by



Signature

Full name



Address Whites Wood Academy, Whites
Wood Lane, Gainsborough, Lincolnshire.
DN21 1TJ

Occupation Chief Financial Officer

Schedule 1

Existing MFA

Schedule 2

Existing Castle Wood Academy SFA

Schedule 3

Existing Mercer's Wood Academy SFA

Schedule 4

Existing White's Wood Academy SFA

Schedule 5

Amended Master Funding Agreement

Schedule 6

Amended Castle Wood Academy SFA

Schedule 7

Amended Mercer's Wood Academy SFA

Schedule 8

Amended White's Wood Academy SFA