Review of Value for Money

As Accounting Officer, the Headteacher has responsibility for ensuring that the Academy Trust delivers good value in the use of public resources. The Accounting Officer understands that value for money refers to the educational and wider societal outcomes achieved in return for the taxpayer resources received.

The Accounting Officer considers how the trust's use of its resources has provided good value for money during each academic year, and reports to the board of trustees where value for money can be improved, including the use of Benchmarking data where available. The Accounting Officer for the Academy Trust has delivered improved value for money during the year by:

- with the Governing Body continuing to hold the Staffing Structure and the Pay Policies under review to ensure that the needs of the pupils the objectives of the Academy are met in the most cost-effective way;
- ensuring that the provision of services by outside bodies is kept under review by relevant Committees, in accordance with a published calendar, and more cost-effective Service Level Agreements are negotiated;
- ensuring that all expenditure is kept under review and that more effective administration leads to savings;
- seeking to ensure that the parents of all pupils in Key Stage 1 who are entitled to Free School Meals, register for these, thus maximising Pupil Premium income;
- ensuring that principles of best value are applied at all times.

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