

Value for Money Statement

Organisation name: Heathland Whitefriars Federation

Company number: 9066965

Year ended 31 August 2014

I accept that as accounting officer of Heathland Whitefriars Federation I am responsible and accountable for ensuring that the academy trust delivers good value in the use of public resources. I am aware of the guide to academy value for money statements published by the Education Funding Agency and understand that value for money refers to the educational and wider societal outcomes achieved in return for the taxpayer resources received.

I set out below how I have ensured that the academy trust's use of its resources has provided good value for money during the academic year.

In the year ended 31 August 2014,

to Improve our Educational Outcomes we:

- Deployed specialist staff and professionals across both our schools e.g. inclusion, child protection and a range of curriculum specialists
- Provided one-to-one support for pupils who need it - for low achieving pupils and higher achievers who need to be challenged more
- Provided a range of extra-curricular activities to enhance achievement/attainment including clubs and breakfast & after school clubs
- Shared staff and resources across our federation
- Held joint INSET and CPD sessions and encouraged collaboration and sharing of expertise across our two schools especially among SLT, year group and faculty leaders
- Operated a Learning Trust for the wider school community which provided additional opportunities for our own staff and generates a modest income

to achieve Value for money and Best Value in our procurement:

- As the Trust's Accounting Officer, I oversaw all ordering and staffing decisions and reviewed them for best value
- Budget holders were regularly reminded of the need to achieve best value
- We constantly review the need for spending and the suppliers and contractors used
- We have dedicated Resources Co-ordinators who negotiate discounts whenever possible and re-negotiate deals before they expire
- We sought alternative quotes/options whenever possible
- Joint purchasing by our 2 schools allowed us to benefit from economies of scale and/or to negotiate better prices and/or service

All of these initiatives freed up budget for teaching and learning as demonstrated by consistently excellent and improving educational outcomes; our curriculum also addressed/es our wider societal responsibilities with a focus on values based education

Where we need to improve:

- We need to look at ways to generate additional income
- We need to manage our surplus funds more effectively

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