

# Value for Money Statement

**Organisation name: DIOCESE OF BRISTOL ACADEMIES TRUST**

**Company number: 8156759**

**Year ended 31 August 2014**

I accept that as accounting officer of DIOCESE OF BRISTOL ACADEMIES TRUST 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.

Improving educational results:

We ensure that resources are directed where they are most needed and are most effective in meeting educational requirements e.g.

- Targeting resources in key areas such as core curriculum subjects, SEN, inclusion, EAL and pupil premium pupils.
- Monitoring the needs of particular pupils and ensuring that they receive relevant support.
- Monitoring the quality of pupils learning by cohort, class and group to provide teaching that enables pupils to achieve nationally expected progress.
- Monitoring the performance of staff and addressing any identified weaknesses by providing high quality professional development opportunities.
- Reviewing the quality of curriculum provision to ensure that pupils and parents receive a curriculum which meets the requirements of the Academy's aims.
- In May 2014 our first school received a "Good" judgement from Ofsted; it was previously "Satisfactory."

Better purchasing:

Steps taken to improve purchasing include:

- Introducing procedures for assessing need and obtaining goods and services that provide best value in terms of suitability, efficiency, time and cost.
- Requiring suppliers to compete on grounds of cost and quality, suitability of purpose, products and back up.

Financial governance and oversight:

School Leaders have:

- Established robust segregation of duties within financial control.
- Performed regular financial monitoring with the support of the Academies Trust.
- Reviewed the staffing structure in each Academy to ensure that the most cost effective structure is in place.
- Reviewed the Academy environment and equipment to ensure that a safe working environment exists for pupils, staff and visitors.

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**Date:** 19 Dec 2014