

Value for Money Statement

Academy trust name The White Horse Federation

Academy trust company number - 08075785

Year ended 31 August 2017

I accept that as accounting officer of **The White Horse 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.

The Multi Academy Trust is responsible for the way in which the school's resources are allocated to meet the objectives set out in the school's Strategic Improvement Plan. To this end as the Trust has grown it has been structured across a Regional, or Hub, basis and this has enabled a leverage of the matrix style of management for support services. This has allowed schools to focus on Teaching and Learning and support functions to provide a structured consistency across the MAT focused on School Improvement. Trustees need to secure the best possible outcome for pupils, in the most efficient and effective way, at a realistic cost.

- Central resources used across the Federation - e.g. IT, Finance, HR, Administration, Marketing and Estate Management
- Ability to share teaching and learning resources across the schools together with common leadership.
- Competitive bids sought for purchases and as the MAT grows the ability to leverage Purchasing opportunities where possible including discounts
- Establishment of preferred Suppliers and regularly benchmarked and challenged
- Review of contracts on an annual basis
- Trustees and central functional business partners regularly review and question performance, school routines and processes to ensure that they are in line with the schools comprehensive Strategic Improvement Plan focused on raising standards and improving the learning outcomes and opportunities for all students. Key priorities include:

- Raising achievement and ensuring financial control
 - High quality teaching and Learning with Principals focused on Teaching
 - Promoting positive attitudes and behaviours for all
 - Deploying resources safely, efficiently and effectively for all
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- Make comparisons with similar or other schools using external data
 - Require suppliers to compete on grounds of cost and quality or suitability of services or products.
 - Deploy resources safely, efficiently and effectively for all and this enriches the opportunities and learning experiences for students.
 - Consult individuals and organisations on quality or suitability of service we provide to parents and students, and services we receive from providers.
 - The Financial Manual is kept under review to ensure the systems are appropriate and contracts are reviewed regularly, ahead of renewal date to ensure best value.

Signed: 

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Academy Trust Accounting Officer

Date: *01/10/17*