

Value for Money Statement

Academy trust name: GEORGE SALTER ACADEMY

Academy trust company number: 333-6907

Year ended 31 August 2013

I accept that as accounting officer of George Salter Academy, 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.

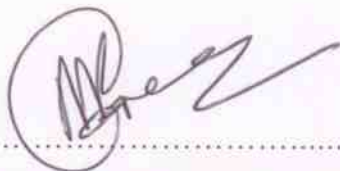
George Salter continually monitors its staffing structure in order to retain and improve the delivery of outstanding levels of education to its pupils. The academy has a policy that does not distinguish by reference to socio economic differences but strives to provide challenging educational areas to all pupils. Through its structure of pupil assessment and mentoring it identifies those pupils who could benefit from a more tailored approach and ensures that this is then put into place. Hence the gap between Pupil Premium and Non Pupil Premium students is marginal and significantly less than the National Average.

The academy utilises specialist skills providers in order to ensure that the teaching staff is availed of best practice training and furthermore the academy utilises specialist skills of consultants in order to ensure that the delivery of the curriculum is as efficient and beneficial to the pupils as is possible. The success of this delivery can be evidenced by external judgements of the quality of the Academy teaching and learning and , furthermore, by external examination results at both GCSE and A level which show year on year improvement and progress significantly above National Average in value added terms.

This increase in the level of results attained demonstrates that the Academy has utilised its educational resources and its income resources in a measurable manner.

The academy has a robust financial governance system that requires all orders over £3,000 to have three quotations and any order in excess of £40,000 to be the subject of three tenders. The academy sets an annual budget which is continually monitored by the Finance Director and the Principal and monthly management information is produced by the Finance Office for presentation to the Finance Director and Principal. Areas of concern are addressed and action taken where necessary and possible. Reports are made to the Academy Finance and General Purpose Committee each term for recommendation and to the Board of Governors for approval.

The academy continually assesses its suppliers to ensure that it is getting the best value for money on services and materials. It has a well established process for orders that requires counter signatory authorisation on a departmental or whole school basis. The academy continually strives to achieve outstanding results in the provision of educational services, the management of its resources, the safeguarding of its pupils and the well being of its staff.



Signed:

Name: MICHAEL REDVERS GREEN

Academy Trust Accounting Officer

Date: 17.01.14

