

Value for Money Statement

Organisation name: John Mason Academy Trust

Company number: 8786136

Year ended 31 August 2014

I accept that as accounting officer of John Mason Academy 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.

The Academy Trust has actively sought to improve its procurement processes to achieve better value for money and to raise educational standards by strengthening the senior leadership team. Specific examples of actions taken to date include:

- Reducing costs in reprographics by introducing a new print solution by replacing multiple local printers with 5 multi-function devices around the school plus a new high quality high volume reprographics device.
- Undertaking a joint procurement process with other Oxfordshire academies to engage a new payroll provider to replace service currently provided by Oxfordshire County Council.
- Rationalising two separate areas of student support into one location to provide a customised area to provide a joined up service to improve student outcomes.
- Negotiating a contract to externalise cleaning services in order to provide a more effective service with higher cleaning standards.
- Conducting a procurement exercise to engage an experienced senior leader to be Associate Headteacher on a one year fixed contract to improve standards in teaching and learning.
- Joint discussions with the governing bodies of partnership schools to share post 16 teaching to reduce costs and raise standards.

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