

Value for Money Statement

Organisation name: John Mason Academy Trust

Company number: 8786136

Year ended 31 August 2015

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:

- Investment in a number of Chromebooks to enable Pupil Premium students to take home to continue their learning at home.
- Investment in software in English and Maths to boost reading ages in English and raise attainment levels in Maths.
- Upgraded the wireless infrastructure around the school to provide full coverage around the school.
- Successful recruitment campaigns for new Headteacher, two Assistant Headteachers and one acting Deputy Headteacher.
- Upgraded kitchen facilities to improve catering for staff and students.
- Undertaking a joint procurement process with other Oxfordshire academies to engage a new supplier for gas and electricity.
- Negotiated a contract with other Oxfordshire academies to engage a new payroll provider to replace service previously provided by Oxfordshire County Council.

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