

Value for Money Statement

Academy trust name: Parkfield Academy Trust

Academy trust company number: 08314293

Year ended 31 August 2013

I accept that as accounting officer of Parkfield 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.

Achievement at Parkfield Academy Trust has increased steadily across the whole school this year, with Key Stage 2 achieving above the national standard. This has been achieved by having additional classes in Year 6 which has allowed us to reduce class sizes, targets support in every year group, 1:1 tuition, with above average attendance of 96.7%.

Parkfield Academy Trust has sound governance, with the Governing Body and Sub Committees holding regular meetings providing clear policy which enables the school to move forward.

There is good financial regulation with clear procedures. We are ably supported by our Responsible Officer and Auditors. The budget is constantly and consistently reviewed with Governors receiving regular updates. There is a strong tendering process in place. All aspects of financial risk are assessed and managed and the Academy has a clear Business Continuity plan in place.

Parkfield Academy Trust has a robust recruitment procedure which includes Warner interviews, ensuring the best possible appointments are made to all position. This and the use of our teaching coach has enabled us to raise the standard of teaching across the school.

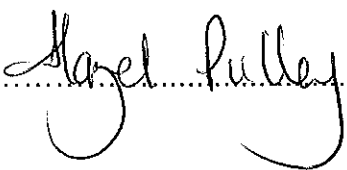
There is a performance management programme for both teaching and support staff that enhances pupil progress.

The Academy has a maintenance programme in place ensuring the pupils have a good working environment with an outside area that includes 5 aside football pitches and an

allotment where this year the pupils have grown vegetables to use in the school kitchen. Pupils can access over 50 extended school learning opportunities, with clubs including sport, art, Bollywood dancing and African drumming.

Moving forward our aim is to introduce a Walking Bus to support parents and reduce the number of late arrivals, to work with pupils to reduce our carbon footprint and the building of a new learning hub. To undertake additional financial bench to enhance the value for money process.

As accounting officer I will continue to oversee all regulatory aspects of Parkfield Academy Trust in an effective manner .

Signed: 

Name: Hazel Pulley

Academy Trust Accounting Officer

Date: 19 December 2013