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Value for Money Statement

Academy trust name : Gillotts

Academy trust company number : 07954417

Year ended 31 August 2013

I accept that as accounting officer of Gillotts School 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.

Improving results by:

- Rigorous review and evaluation of examination results, value added progress, student attendance
- School development plan focussed on improving outcomes for example through improving student feedback
- Continuation of one to one provision after the end of specific funding
- Differentiated curriculum provision with alternative provision at KS4
- Member of Oxfordshire Teaching School Alliance to maximise CPD opportunities and continue to improve standards of teaching
- Close links with local partnership primary schools – opportunities for year 6s to spend time with us to ease transition and support the sharing of good practice
- Vertical tutoring in houses to support succession of senior staffing in pastoral roles. Each Head of House has fewer students to support than would be the case with Heads of Year.

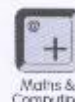
Financial Governance:

- Rigorous procedures for establishing and reviewing the school budget
- Termly Internal Audit reports supported by external auditor presented at termly governor meetings alongside full internal financial report.
- Annual external audit
- Internal Financial Procedures handbook reviewed annually by governors
- Contracts regularly reviewed for cost/benefit. Tender procedures as required.
- Addition of DFC grant and some revenue funding to a recent EFA capital grant to extend the contract and obtain economies of scale.

Internal controls

- Detailed internal financial procedures manual available to all staff, reviewed annually by Governors

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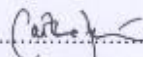


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- Finance system blocks orders that would exceed available funds
- All orders are reviewed by the Business Manager prior to authorisation and submission to supplier
- All invoices reviewed by Headteacher and Business Manager for appropriateness
- Budget holders receive termly reports and interim reports on request and are held accountable for budget management
- Value for money comparisons are made for purchased resources.

Lessons Learned

- Proactive management of staffing levels, taking available opportunities to review the structure, is key.

Signed 

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Academy Trust Accounting Officer

Date : 10 / 12 / 13