

## **Value for Money Statement**

**Academy trust name: Castle Carrock School**

**Academy trust company number: 07729759**

**Year ended 31 August 2017**

I accept that as accounting officer of Castle Carrock 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.

### **Review of Best Value 2016/2017**

This year we have continued to provide a high level of classroom support for pupils of all abilities through flexible use of support staff throughout the school. We have continued to further develop external links through the local area of system leaders and peer to peer schools. This ensures effective use of teaching staff to maximise this resource and enable all children to achieve. We have also built new links with teacher training in order to train current staff members to a higher level.

We've ensured our dedicated P.E. funding budget is used to extend the number of opportunities available, encourage participation and enhance achievement in Physical Education. This has included taking advantage of new and unique local opportunities.

### **For the 2017-2018 Financial Year we will focus on:**

Ensuring we continue to develop and train our staff to the highest level - providing sustainability in staff provision and developing their skills. Ensuring our nursery and early years provision maximises learning opportunities and gives children the best possible start to our school. We want to maximise the impact we have on our pupils' education – aiming for high standards and ensuring that our children are prepared for secondary school.

The school Finance Committee will hold regular finance meetings to monitor the budget and discuss problem areas and strategies on how to deal with any particular situation that may arise. The full Governing Body will be kept informed through financial reports tabled at each Governor meeting.

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Rebecca Stacey  
Head Teacher

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Academy Trust Accounting Officer Date: November 2017