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Ridgeway Primary School **Best Value Statement**

Introduction

There is a statutory duty on local authorities to obtain Best Value by securing economic, efficient and effective services. The Best Value framework primarily focuses on the balance between cost and quality in striving continuously to improve services.

The Best Value approach does not apply statutorily to governing bodies in their use of delegated and devolved budgets. However, governing bodies are expected to:

- **Set targets to raise standards;**
- **Provide good quality public services and**
- **Spend public money wisely.**

The governing body of Ridgeway Primary School is committed to using its resources to secure the best possible outcomes for current pupils and to address the school's improvement priorities.

We will apply **Best Value** principles by:

- **Challenging** how and why services are provided;
- **Comparing** pupil performance against other similar schools;
- **Comparing** financial performance against other similar schools;
- **Consulting** stakeholders before major decisions are taken;
- **Promoting** fair competition through seeking quotations and tenders to ensure that goods and services are secured in the most efficient way;

Staffing – School staff will be employed and deployed to provide the best outcomes for our pupils, prioritising their safety and security and the achievement of high standards throughout the school.

Teaching – Curriculum provision and the quality of teaching will be regularly reviewed and monitored to ensure statutory requirements are met and that the best possible provision is made for pupils.

Learning – Pupils' achievement and progress will be regularly monitored to ensure children are working at a secure level within each year group as defined by the 2014 NC.

Intervention actions will be put in place for pupils who are working below or identified as falling behind. Opportunities will be also be identified to provide additional challenge for able, gifted and talented pupils.

Use of Premises – The use and maintenance of the school buildings and outside space will be regularly reviewed to ensure that they provide the best possible learning environment.

Use of Resources – Equipment, materials and services will be used as efficiently as possible to support high quality teaching and learning.

Purchasing – Quotations and tenders will be sought as necessary to ensure that high quality goods and services are purchased efficiently, following a rigorous assessment of need.

Health and Safety – Relevant health and safety procedures will be implemented to provide a safe working environment for pupils, staff and visitors.

Continuous improvement – Progress against agreed improvement performance indicators and the budget plan will be monitored at FGB and finance committee meetings respectively.

The Best Value statement will be reviewed annually by the governing body's finance committee and submitted to SCC.

**Best Value Statement
Ridgeway Primary School (2019 - 2020)**

The governors of Ridgeway Primary School are committed to achieving Best Value in all decisions we make. We use the principles of Best Value as they apply to securing continuous improvement in the school and will:

- Regularly review the functions of the school, **challenging** how and why services are provided and setting targets and performance indicators for improvement;
- Monitor outcomes and **compare** performance with similar schools and within the school;
- **Consult** appropriate stakeholders before major decisions are made; and
- Promote fair **competition** through quotations and tenders to ensure that goods and services are secured in the most economic, efficient and effective way.

We will strive to ensure that the school is using its resources effectively to meet the needs of pupils.

Governors and staff will work in partnership with the authority, which has a statutory responsibility to achieve Best Value in its own work and which is expected to monitor the use of Best Value principles in its schools.

We will submit our Best Value statement with the annual budget plan. The progress of the annual budget plan and the Best Value statement will be monitored with the school improvement plan in order to determine the extent of continuous improvement.

The governors believe that the school is effectively prioritising its resources to meet the priorities identified in the School Improvement Plan 2019 2020:

- To provide effective CPD to enable staff at all levels to develop and improve so that pupils are not disadvantaged by ineffective teaching or poor subject knowledge. **(Leadership & Management)**
- To work collaboratively with a range of other schools to share good practise, learn from others strengths and provide external validation of the schools work. **(Leadership & Management);**
- To further develop the Ridgeway Curriculum to ensure its intent, implementation and impact meets the needs of all learners. **(Teaching & Learning)**
- To further improve attainment and progress within core subjects. **(Teaching & Learning)**
- To raise progress and attainment of disadvantaged pupils in all areas to be at least in line with others nationally. **(Teaching & Learning)**
- To ensure the importance of good attendance and punctuality is promoted across the school. **(Behaviour & Attitudes)**
- To ensure all pupils are given the support and guidance needed to become personally, emotionally and socially effective and encourages them to lead healthy, safe and fulfilled lives. **(Personal Development)**

Agreed at Finance Committee meeting on 22nd October 2019

(Signed) _____ Dated _____
(Head Teacher)

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(Chair of Governing Body)

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