

## Best Value Statement

Best Value statements can help schools achieve Best Value by:

- ❖ giving direction to the school;
- ❖ helping the school link priorities to resource allocations;
- ❖ turning commitment into action; and
- ❖ making governors and schools more accountable.

Your LA may ask you for a Best Value statement. Your governing body can submit the statement with your annual budget plan. The annual budget plan should be used to meet the stated priorities of the School Improvement Plan. In this way Best Value can become explicitly linked to continuous improvement.

A Best Value statement should show how the Best Value principles are applied in the running of the school, particularly in working to secure continuous improvement, through your School Improvement Plan. It may refer to other aspects of a schools' management, such as the systems used for performance management.

Best Value statements should be live documents, indicating your school's intentions, and featuring real examples of your school's work. They should evolve over time; once a statement has been drawn up its implementation will need to be regularly monitored and updated to ensure that it is an accurate reflection of the way in which you are applying the principles of Best Value. It will not necessarily be a long document; as a statement of intent it is likely to be between 1 and 2 pages long.

Your Best Value statement should apply to the major functions of your school. It might, for example, include reference to key areas such as:

- ❖ education functions;
- ❖ care of pupils;
- ❖ staffing;
- ❖ the school environment;
- ❖ resources;
- ❖ school leadership and management; and
- ❖ financial management.

### **Example**

Following is an example of a Best Value statement, which you can use to help you to begin to structure your own statement.

## Best Value Statement School Budget 2017/18

The Governors of **TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL** are committed to achieving Best Value in all decisions made. We use the principles of Best Value as they apply to securing continuous improvement in this 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.

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 school has in place a strategy and a set of guidelines, updated annually, which will ensure that Best Value will be reviewed and demonstrated. This year we will focus on:

- ❖ school leadership and management/financial management-through developing evaluation of curriculum and finance.
- ❖ Ensuring efficiencies via contract evaluation and renewal

SIGNED:



(Headteacher)

DATE:

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