# Value for Money Statement

## Academy name: Estcourt Primary Academy

## Delta Academies Trust - Company number: 07386086

## Year ended 31 August 2024

I accept that as Principal/Head of Academy of **Estcourt Primary** I am responsible and accountable to the Accounting Officer Mr Paul Tarn for ensuring that the academy trust delivers good value in the use of public resources. I 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 use of its resources has provided good value for money during the academic year.

We have continued to benefit from the economy of scale, with the support from the Trust we have been able to purchase resources at a reduced rate. The Trust based approach to the wider curriculum has enabled us to be able to further utilise this for the purchasing of resources. This has also enabled opportunities for collaborative learning which has supported the development of staff without costly courses and external CPD. This has also been the case when purchasing a number of subscriptions to support learning eg Phonics Tracker, ELS Phonics, ELS Spelling and Emile. The use of Dallowgill for residential visits also enabled the academy to save a significant amount of money.

The local finance committee meets termly and looks in detail at the academies financial position, challenge around spending and income is rigorous and robust. There is also a Trust oversight with a dedicated finance manager who continues to monitor, support and challenge.

Outcomes for the last academic year remain strong against national measures and due to our sensible management of our budget we have been able to continue to make improvements to our physical building to enhance the learning environment for our children.

We have continued to run whole academy fundraising events such as bunny bingo, fairs, Colour Run and Cauliflower Cards to bring in additional income streams. As stated above we have benefited significantly from economy of scale along with partnering with a local charity Into University to provide additional experiences for our children free of charge.

This academic year we will continue to purchase resources via the Trust both physical resourcing and also subscriptions. We will continue to explore different income streams to increase the level of funding into the academy. We have reviewed our use if Sports Premium and this has been adapted to enable a greater level of experiences for the children.

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Name: Selina Midgley-Wright

Head of Academy

Date: 05.05.2024

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**Academy Trust Principal/Head of Academy**

**Date:** …………………………………………………………….