

Best Value Statement



Cam Everlands Primary School

"We believe, achieve and celebrate"

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1. Rationale

The governing body is accountable for the way in which the school's resources are allocated to meet the objectives set out in our School Improvement Plan. Governors need to secure the best possible outcome for pupils, in the most efficient and effective way, at a reasonable cost. This will lead to continuous improvement in the school's service to the community.

2. What Is Best Value?

Governors will apply the four principles of *best value*:

1. Challenge - Is the school's performance high enough? Why and how is a service provided? Do we still need it? Can it be delivered differently? What do families want?
2. Compare - How does the school's pupil performance and financial performance compare with all schools? How does it compare with LA schools? How does it compare with similar schools?
3. Consult - How does the school seek the views of stakeholders about the services the school provides?
4. Compete - How does the school secure efficient and effective services? Are services of appropriate quality? Are they provided efficiently - without waste?

3. The Governors' Approach

The Governors and SLT will apply the principles of *best value* when making decisions about:

- The allocation of resources to best promote the aims and values of the school.
- The targeting of resources to best improve standards and the quality of provision.
- The use of resources to best respond to the various needs of all pupils.

Governors and SLT will:

- Make comparisons with other/similar schools using data provided by the LA and the Government using benchmarking tools <https://schools-financial-benchmarking.service.gov.uk>
- Challenge proposals, examining them for effectiveness, efficiency, and cost
- Require suppliers of goods and services to compete on grounds of cost, and quality/suitability
- Consult families, individuals and organisations on quality/suitability of service we provide
- Avoid wasting time and resources to make minor savings in costs
- This will apply in particular to:
 - Staffing.
 - Use of premises
 - Use of resources
 - Quality of teaching
 - Quality of learning
 - Purchasing
 - Pupils' welfare
 - Health and safety

4. Monitoring

We will monitor for best value through:

- In-house monitoring by the Headteacher, SLT and curriculum leaders

- Annual Appraisal
- Annual Budget Planning
- Financial analysis and reviews
- Visits by the LA Finance Adviser
- Visits by the LA Advisers or other officers
- Analysis of pupil performance data
- Ofsted Inspection reports
- Governors' visits
- Governors' Budget reviews
- Governors' meetings
- Consultation with pupils and families

This Best Value Statement for Cam Everlands Primary School has been agreed by the Governing Body.