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# Governors' Best Value Statement 2024-2025

## **Turn your ear to wisdom and apply your heart to understanding (Proverbs 2:2)**

Broadwater is a Christian School. We will enable children to become wise, confident, successful learners with the motivation, skills and responsibility to make a positive difference in God's world. Our vision is underpinned by the values we live by.

*The Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! Galatians 5:22*

It is this fruit that, in partnership with parents, we will instil in the children of our school.

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## Introduction

The Governing Body is accountable for the way in which the school's resources are allocated to meet the objectives set out in the school's development plans. 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 achievements and services

## What Is Best Value?

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

- **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 parents want?
- **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?
- **Consult** - How does the school seek the views of stakeholders about the services the school provides?
- **Compete** - How does the school secure efficient and effective services? Are services of appropriate quality, economic?

## The Governors' Approach

The Governors and the Senior Leadership Team (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 support the various educational needs of all pupils.

Governors and SLT will:

- make comparisons with other/similar schools using relevant data
- challenge proposals, examining them for effectiveness, efficiency, and cost, e.g. setting of annual pupil achievement targets.
- require suppliers to compete on grounds of cost, and quality/suitability of services/products/backup.
- consult individuals and organisations on quality/suitability of service we provide to parents and pupils, and services we receive from providers
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This will apply in particular to:

- staffing
- use of premises
- use of resources
- quality of teaching
- quality of learning
- competitive tendering quotation procedures
- pupils' welfare
- health and safety.

Governors and SLT:

- will not waste time and resources on investigating minor areas where few improvements can be achieved
- will not waste time and resources to make minor savings in costs
- will not waste time and resources by seeking tenders for minor supplies and services.

The pursuit of minor improvements or savings is not cost effective if the administration involves substantial time or costs. Time wasted on minor improvements or savings can also distract management from more important or valuable areas.

### **Staffing**

Governors and SLT will deploy staff to provide best value in terms of quality of teaching, quality of learning, adult-pupil ratio, and curriculum management.

### **Use of Premises**

Governors and SLT will consider the allocation and use of teaching areas, support areas and communal areas, to provide the best environment for teaching & learning, for support services, and for communal access to central resources, e.g. the library.

### **Use of Resources**

Governors and SLT will deploy equipment, materials and services to provide pupils and staff with resources which support quality of teaching and quality of learning.

### **Teaching**

Governors and SLT will review the quality of curriculum provision and quality of teaching, to provide parents and pupils with:

- a curriculum which meets the requirements of the National Curriculum and the needs of pupils
- teaching which builds on previous learning and has high expectations of children's achievement.

### **Learning**

Governors and SLT will review the quality of children's learning, by cohort, class and group, to provide teaching which enables children to achieve nationally expected achievement and progress.

### **Purchasing**

Governors and SLT will develop procedures for assessing need, and obtaining goods and services which provide "best value" in terms of suitability, efficiency, time, and cost. Measures already in place include:

- competitive tendering quotation procedures (e.g. for goods and services above £5,000)
- procedures for accepting "best value" quotes/ tenders, which are not necessarily the cheapest (e.g. suitability for purpose and quality of workmanship)
- procedures which minimise office time by the purchase of goods or services under £1000 direct from known, reliable suppliers (e.g. stationery, small equipment).

### **Pupils' Welfare**

Governors and SLT will review the quality of the school environment and the school ethos, in order to provide a supportive environment conducive to learning and recreation.

### **Health & Safety**

Governors and SLT will review the quality of the school environment and equipment, carrying out risk assessments where appropriate, in order to provide a safe working environment for pupils, staff and visitors.

### **Monitoring**

These areas will be monitored for best value by:

1. In-house monitoring by the Head Teacher and curriculum managers, e.g. classroom practice, work sampling
2. Annual Performance Management
3. Annual Budget Planning
4. Termly visits by Local Authority and Diocese Improvement Partners

5. Analysis of school pupil performance data
6. Analysis of LA financial data
7. Ofsted Inspection reports
8. Governors' observations
9. Governors' termly committee meetings
10. Governors' full termly meetings
11. Governors' Annual Finance Review
12. Annual conversation