Statement of Internal Control Ashperton Primary Academy Trust (APA)

1 This statement relates to the Internal controls for Ashperton Primary Academy Trust (APA) for the 12 months from 01/01/26 to *31/12/2026.* The Trust board is responsible for ensuring that

- Proper accounting records are kept during the year which will disclose, with reasonable accuracy and at any time, the financial position of the trust, and they have been drawn up in accordance with the DfE (CFR) guidelines, and will enable it to prepare an annual income and expenditure statement that complies with DfE guidelines
- An effective system of internal control is maintained and operates to safeguard all the resources delegated, granted or otherwise entrusted to the trust and ensure they are used cost effectively

2 The system of internal control has been developed and is coordinated by the Chief Finance Officer. It aims to provide as much assurance as is reasonably possible (not absolute assurance) that assets are safeguarded, transactions are properly authorised and recorded and that material errors or irregularities are either prevented or can be detected promptly

3 Our review of the effectiveness of the systems of internal control is informed by:

- our regular scrutiny of financial and other performance monitoring data
- regular reports from the Chief Finance Officer and other managers to the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee
- the most recent report of the Trust's internal auditor
- our most recent self-evaluation of the internal controls undertaken

4 We are, therefore, satisfied that the internal control systems in operation at APA during the year 25/26 were adequate and effective.

5 We propose over the coming year to take the following steps to address any weaknesses highlighted by the internal or external auditors.

By order of the Trust Board of APA

(Signed)___Karen Adams ________Dated __22 Jan 2026______________________
(Chief Finance Officer)

(Signed)____Geraint Jenkins ____________Dated __22 Jan 2026________________
(Chair of Trustees)

(Signed)______Judy Balderson ______________Dated ____22 Jan 2026______________________
(Chair of Finance, Audit and Risk Committee of APA)