

Filling the gap, so your financial operations remain uninterrupted, compliant and efficient

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Smart Finance solutions for your academy trust

80% of CFOs' admin duties have increased in the last year*

* Source: 2023 MAT Leaders' Survey

Beyond the classroom, good financial management is the key to every academy trust's success.

Meeting deadlines, reporting to the DfE and trust board has never been more challenging or important. The team at Strictly Education is here to help. We can ensure you have the right skills, resource, systems and reporting in place, giving you confidence to meet those challenges head-on. From reviews to providing interim staff, we are here to help strengthen your trust and make it more sustainable.



What's smart about it?

Financial management is only robust when the whole system works from top to bottom every day. We have expertise at every level and can work alongside you long-term, or step in when you have a short-term need.

What's really smart is that you have complete flexibility to choose the support that creates strong and sustainable financial management for your academy.



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Staff

Have the skills and continuity of cover in place for strong financial management.

We can:

- ✓ Be your extended team with outsourcing solutions
- ✓ Upskill and train your staff
- ✓ Help recruit and train senior leaders
- ✓ Provide interim cover if you don't have someone in place
- ✓ Be a critical friend to senior leaders, acting as a sounding board

Systems

Have a robust financial infrastructure you can rely on.

We can:

- ✓ Run a healthcheck to identify how to streamline your finance processes
- ✓ Help standardise and simplify reporting
- ✓ Advise when selecting a new finance system
- ✓ Support with many school systems including Sage, Access, SBS Budgets and more
- ✓ Provide access to helpdesk support

Submission support

Manage key tasks and external stakeholder requirements.

We can complete your:

- ✓ Bank reconciliations
- ✓ Month-end reporting
- ✓ Monthly budget management
- ✓ Year-end tasks
- ✓ DfE returns
- ✓ BFROs

Sustainable growth

Manage risk and achieve sustainable growth for your MAT with our:

- ✓ Internal scrutiny audits
- ✓ Academy Due Diligence
- ✓ Ensure reports completed and filed in a timely manner

"I have had the very best service from the internal audit team and consultancy service. Hardworking, dedicated, reassuring, highly skilled – these are just a few of the words I want to use."

— CEO, Mulberry Multi Academy trust

Talk to us today to find out how we can help your Academy Trust

Our Smart Finance Services include:

- ✓ Finance Consultancy
- ✓ Critical Friend Support for CFOs
- ✓ Interim Finance Support
- ✓ Academy Finance Management
- ✓ Financial Systems Healthcheck
- ✓ Financial Reporting Support
- ✓ Internal Scrutiny Audit
- ✓ Academy Due Diligence



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