



Financial management made simple



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The support I receive from SAAF is invaluable. Always friendly, always offering excellent service and excellent value for money. I would not hesitate to recommend SAAF.

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Lynette Randall – School Business Manager,
Dovecote Primary School



Why SAAF Education?

We remove the risk and the hassle from all aspects of financial management, delivering everything you need to maximise your resources and focus on educational excellence.

SAAF Education is an independent organisation delivering tailored financial management and business support services to schools, academies, free schools and multi-academy trusts.

We've developed our in-depth knowledge of the education sector by helping schools and academies thrive under increasing financial pressures and plan for the future. As a result, we understand precisely which tools will most effectively ease your budgeting burden and facilitate smooth financial management.

SAAF Education can provide support and training on all accounting software packages. We pride ourselves on being the only accredited PS Financials support partner in the Midlands.



SAAF Services encompass everything from consultancy and training to asset management and a payroll bureau – We deliver strategic and operational support tailored to your requirements, streamlining all your financial management processes.



SAAF Software is our bespoke software arm, incorporating the innovative **SAAF Budget Planner** – Designed to overcome the specific challenges faced by schools and academies, the application simplifies budget management and optimises your financial performance.

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From my first meeting with the SAAF team to date they have a calm, reassuring and no-nonsense approach to Academy Finance. Thank you. I couldn't do this role without you.

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Lisa Kirby – School Business Manager,
St Philip Neri's Primary & Nursery School



We make financial management simple for schools, academies, free schools and multi-academy trusts

Our values refer to both the way we work and the service we provide, reflecting our determination to make your life easier.



STRAIGHTFORWARD

From our intuitive software to the straightforward language used by our consultants, everything we do is designed to simplify and streamline the financial management process.



EXPERIENCED

Our directors have over 20 years' combined experience of providing finance support and expertise to schools and academies, and our expert team includes education finance and payroll specialists.



PROACTIVE

We're always refining our software and services, optimising financial performance and empowering you to deliver the highest educational standards.



We combine specialist knowledge and the expertise to deliver comprehensive financial support to the education sector. SAAF Services provides consultancy, training, asset management and payroll services, tailored to your specific requirements.

We identify your challenges and deliver the strategic consultancy and operational support to overcome them.

As a result, our extensive range of bespoke services frees up your resources to deliver an enhanced educational environment for your pupils.

- **Consultancy** – From strategic financial planning to accounting and governance, our team of experts work with you to ensure you're compliant and accountable – and that all your delegated funds are used efficiently.
- **Asset management** – We provide an asset management service helping you to look after equipment and fixed assets more efficiently. This low-cost paper free solution includes tagging, auditing, and tracking of your schools moveable property and safety procedures using our cloud based software and mobile devices.
- **Payroll bureau** – Our modern, robust system encompasses deductions, statutory pay calculations and prompt salary payment, giving you a comprehensive payroll solution designed for schools and academies.
- **Training** – We are committed to your continued professional development and deliver a wide range of training courses for senior leaders, governors, trustees and school finance staff.

Simplify and streamline all your financial processes



ACCURATE IMPARTIAL ADVICE

Navigate the complex financial management process seamlessly with our accurate, impartial advice.



COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT

Our team of education finance specialists are available by telephone or email between 8am and 8pm, seven days a week.



UNPARALLELED EXPERTISE

Our directors have over 20 years combined experience helping schools and academies thrive under current financial pressures and plan for the future, so they know precisely which tools and support will work for you.



MAXIMISE YOUR RESOURCES

All our services are completely transparent and competitively priced, helping you to maximise your educational resources.



DEDICATED CONSULTANT

With extensive knowledge of your school or academy, your dedicated consultant will be experienced at overcoming the specific challenges you're facing.



BESPOKE PACKAGES

Meet your precise requirements and compliment your in-house expertise with our bespoke support packages.



STRENGTHEN PROCESSES

Streamline and strengthen your budgeting and procurement processes with our asset management and financial consultancy services.



ON-THE-SPOT SUPPORT

We'll fix problems with our free remote access software, meaning there's no need to hang around for a visit.



APPROACHABLE TEAM

Our friendly and professional team use straightforward language to communicate complex information clearly to all audiences.



We understand how simple-to-use financial planning software makes your life easier. The SAAF Budget Planner, our scalable budget planning application, takes the risk and hassle out of the complex budget management process.

From multiple budget scenarios and staff salary calculators to income/expenditure analysis and forecasting, our software reduces risk and optimises performance.

The software helps you maximise your resources to enhance educational excellence and improve outcomes.

- **Simple to use** – From trouble free navigation to Excel-style data grids, our software is user friendly and integrates seamlessly with your current systems.
- **Secure and transparent** – Our hybrid desktop and cloud-based software provides robust security and delivers complete control, allowing you to operate in a financially transparent environment.
- **Interactive and compliant** – It's easy to ensure compliance with changing EFA and DfE requirements thanks to instant cloud updates and interactive analysis.
- **Fully supported** – We provide comprehensive phone and online support, a training and implementation day and further training and consultancy by arrangement.

Control every aspect of your budget, any way you choose.



COMPARE DATA

At the click of a button you can change budget scenario and compare data – thanks to the Quicksitch function, exclusive to SAAF Software.



REMOVE HASSLE

Streamline the annual budget setting process by copying from one year to another, and create unlimited budget scenarios across financial years.



ENSURE PRECISION

The staff salary calculator tailored to your employee costs, guarantees accuracy and includes maternity leave, national insurance and pension contributions.



REAL-TIME REPORTING

Interactive charts cover everything from KPI, ratio and cash flow analysis to year-end forecast reports and a Pupil Premium Tracker.



BESPOKE BUDGETING

Budget your income and expenditure by revenue or capital, enabling you to analyse balances by different funds or projects.



FAST, EFFICIENT CONSOLIDATION

Whether your budgets are set locally or centrally, it's easy for multi-academy trusts to consolidate at the central level.



EXPORT DATA EASILY

Export data grids to facilitate reconciliation with monthly payroll and budget reports, and lock approved budgets for full auditability.



SEAMLESS INTEGRATION

Our software integrates seamlessly with your systems, enabling budget uploads at the click of a button.



ENHANCE PERFORMANCE

The SAAF desktop application delivers increased performance and security over traditional web-only solutions.

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The response to queries is fast and the guidance and support given is relevant and productive. We highly recommend SAAF as a company that ensure quality services you can be confident about. SAAF helps you sleep easy at night! No worries!

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Nick Benzie – Headteacher,
St Patrick's Catholic Voluntary Academy

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The service provided by SAAF has been outstanding. I have always been impressed with the level of integrity shown, which has been the basis for our effective working relationship.

The consultants understand that schools are complex organisations whose main priority is the education of the students. Their technical knowledge is excellent, and the tools they provide have been developed to enable budgeting and reporting to a very high standard.

I can recommend SAAF without any reservations whatsoever.

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Sean Kelly – Principal, Top Valley Academy

How we transformed the financial management process at **Children’s Hospital School**



The Children’s Hospital School educates children and young people across 13 wards at the Queen’s Medical Centre in Nottingham and the Wolfson Centre at the City Hospital.

When the local authority gave the school control of its own budget for the first time in 2013, Sarah Griffiths, School Business Manager, had plenty to learn: “I had limited experience of school finance or budget setting. However, another school recommended SAAF Education and our relationship grew from there.”

The school began by utilising our consultancy service, and soon extended this to encompass payroll as well as our budget planning application

The local authority had previously managed budgeting and procurement, which meant that Sarah had no true idea of what was involved in financial management.

“SAAF carried out extensive training to explain the budgeting process, including setting and forecasting, managing funding streams and submitting reports and returns to the local authority,” Sarah explains.

Our proactive, thorough and professional approach has empowered the school to manage its own finances

Sarah has been particularly impressed by our training courses, including those relating to BACs, FMS and forecasting: “Thanks to SAAF’s on-going support, I now feel confident presenting financial information to governors.”

She also comments on our proactive approach: “SAAF went out of their way to query transactions with the local authority and provide invaluable support and advice to governors.”

“I’d recommend SAAF to other schools and academies. They’re always available to answer queries, and are helpful and professional at all times.”

Children’s Hospital School is now able to forecast and plan effectively

The SAAF Budget Planner is – according to Sarah – “excellent” and “invaluable”. It provides comprehensive updates, giving the school confidence that forecasting will be accurate, as all future changes to pay scales are in-built.

And her ultimate verdict on SAAF? “I don’t know where I’d be without them. They’ve provided a level of service way beyond our expectations.”



Make financial planning simple

After years of experience providing financial expertise and support to the education sector, we have a detailed understanding of the rapidly evolving educational environment, the challenges you face and the support you need to overcome them.

Find out more about how SAAF Education will work with you to streamline and simplify the financial management process at your school, academy, free school or multi-academy trust.

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