



Internal Audit Services

Internal audit for LA maintained schools is essential. All LA maintained schools are required to have a professional audit of their school budget share account every three or five years. Through ERICA we contact those maintained schools whose audits are due in the coming financial year.

The requirement for internal audit in academy trusts is set out in section two of the Academies Financial Handbook 2016. Academies are required to have some form of internal scrutiny to review the risks to internal financial control at the trust.

At Nottinghamshire Internal Audit services, we have a track record of providing schools with a professional internal audit service, which includes advising on financial irregularities and providing financial control advice. We are confident we can fully meet your service needs.

What we offer

- For maintained schools we provide a risk-based review of financial controls to meet the requirements of the Nottinghamshire LA Scheme.
- For academies we can provide an internal audit service to meet your needs and fulfil the requirements of the Academies Financial Handbook 2016.

“ The auditor was extremely, pleasant, helpful and knowledgeable and was always ready to discuss issues. I was able to talk through with her a few questions I had with regards to financial matters within the school and again her advice was helpful. ”

Christine Dunkley
Ravenshead C of E Primary School

Our pledge

Our audits meet professional standards and we comply with the requirements of the LA Scheme for Financing Schools and the Academies Financial Handbook. The service provides advance notification of the need for an audit, agrees audit visit dates with your school and we aim to issue the draft report within 4 weeks of the audit visit.

Benefits to your school

- ▶ Qualified auditors with extensive experience of schools and best practice.
- ▶ Close liaison with other services to schools.
- ▶ Impartial advice and opinions.
- ▶ Ad hoc reviews by agreement.
- ▶ Telephone help and advice for audit and control matters.
- ▶ Receipt via ERICA of relevant fraud alerts which may be of relevance to your school.
- ▶ Access to our standard Audit Programme setting out the key controls we look for during audits.

Further information

Maintained schools can choose their own audit provider. However, the chosen auditors must meet prescribed minimum standards (a written guidance note is available from Internal Audit services). Where maintained schools have independent auditors, they must supply a copy of their final audit report to us.

“ The audit process is rarely a comfortable one, but the auditor put us at our ease, she was very thorough but helpful, friendly and fair. ”

Maureen Pearson
All Hallows C of E Primary School



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