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Services for academies



Welcome

We have successfully worked with academy schools, free schools and UTCs for many years. We understand that educational establishments face a number of key issues and our designated team is able to provide support to governors, principals and bursars alike.

These issues include:

- Accounting challenges and ever increasing regulatory burden.
- The change in the financial function of the school on conversion or as the trust is evolving and growing.
- The financial performance of the school and pressures on finances.

Standing out from our competitors, our specialist team has a wide knowledge of this niche sector through years of experience servicing the education and charity sectors throughout the UK, and we recognise that every school and trust is unique and has different requirements.

We offer a wide range of services to suit all needs, from advice to ongoing audit and accounts, tax, outsourcing, payroll and business advisory services.

Sector experience

The dedicated Wilkins Kennedy academies team has vast background experience within both the education and not-for-profit sectors. Our extensive experience within these specialist sectors enables us to service our clients using a relevant and broad knowledge base.

Our clients include primary and secondary schools, being single academy trusts, MATs and umbrella trusts. All of which have benefitted by receiving informative e-briefs and from attending our regular seminars and events. Our events offer updates for staff and governors on the latest sector issues including new legislation, operations, funding and VAT changes.

We provide a full range of accountancy and business advisory services to our academy clients. Our services are provided by a team of experts who all have detailed knowledge of the academy sector.

To keep up to date our team attend academy seminars, exhibit at the Academies Show and regularly liaise with the ESFA and NAO.

Supporting academies

As your preferred accountants and business advisers, we offer you support from the outset, sharing our vast knowledge of this sector and ensuring you plan your finances effectively to make the most of your conversion and development and benefit from all the opportunities and funding available to you.



Our services

- Accountancy advice – software and application of accounting standards.
- Company secretarial support.
- Completion and assurance reviews of academy annual returns.
- Completion of corporation tax returns where required.
- External audit.
- Financial and regulatory compliance.
- Governance reviews.
- Internal audit.
- Management accounts and book-keeping.
- Payroll.
- Preparation of the statutory accounts.
- Regularity audit.
- Review of academies budget returns.
- Support during conversion and growth.
- Teachers' pension scheme audit.
- Trading subsidiary requirements.
- VAT reviews and completion of VAT returns/Form 126.

“ The experienced team at Wilkins Kennedy was involved from the very start of our junior school academy conversion process, and they continue to offer us expert insider knowledge, support and assistance, from setting up systems to year end audit – we are delighted with the outstanding professional service they provide ”

St. Stephens Junior School

“ Wilkins Kennedy have been with us since the very beginning of our MAT, providing much more than effective delivery of Audit and Statutory Accounts. As well as being willing and able to answer queries on a range of accounting issues, they also give us access to topical seminars/updates which have proved very useful ”

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