

Used and
loved by over
1,250
schools

Arbor Finance

The top-rated school finance
system for maintained schools,
powered by the team behind
the UK's most popular MIS



The Arbor family now includes Arbor Finance

At Arbor, we're proud to offer a market leading MIS that has already helped schools of all phases transform the way they work. Now, we're excited to launch Arbor Finance (formerly RM Finance) to expand our offering and give LA maintained schools the tools to take control of their finances.

The top-rated finance system for LA maintained schools

Arbor Finance makes your accounting tasks simple and straightforward, with streamlined features just right for your school. It's a cost effective, cash-based accounting system *and* it's in the cloud — so you can ditch your server at last.

Why did we acquire Arbor Finance?

Great value

Arbor Finance is one of the best value school finance systems available

Easy to learn, whether you have an accounting background or not

We built Arbor Finance specifically for Business Managers who haven't necessarily got bookkeeping experience. It's easy to pick up — and gives you time back for all the other hats you wear

Already loved by over 1,250 schools

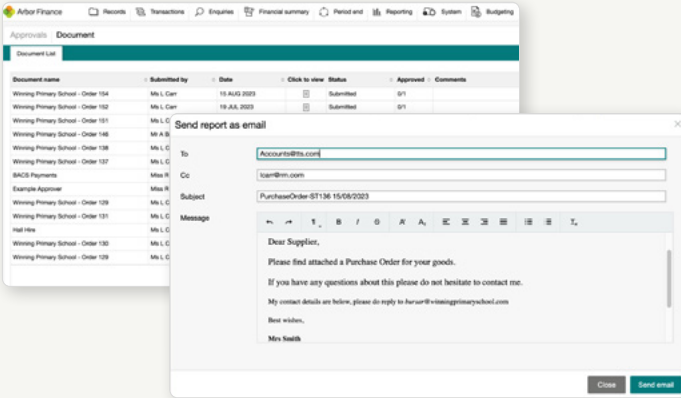
Arbor Finance has the highest customer satisfaction (CSAT) score amongst Local Authority Maintained schools, as shown by a survey done on behalf of The Key

How it's designed

Just right for maintained schools

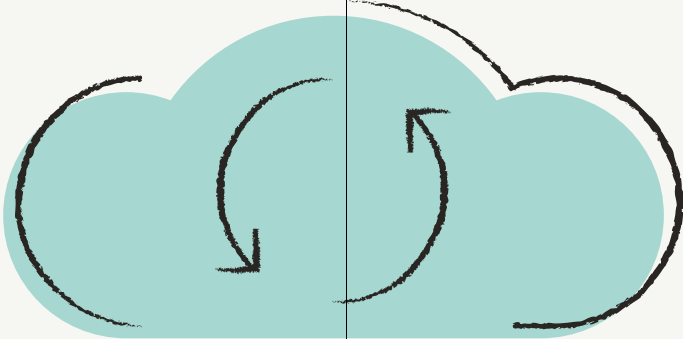
Arbor Finance makes it easy to keep track of your school finances.

Our clean and easy-to-use interface doesn't make life complicated, with features just right for your school.



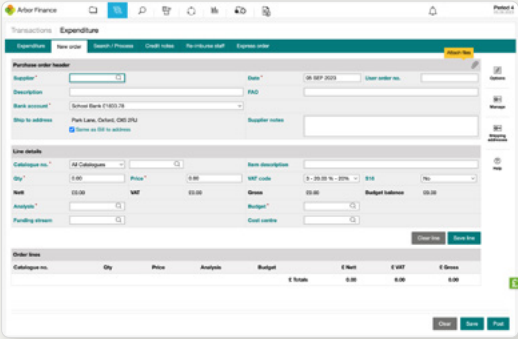
Go paperless

Take the step to becoming a paperless office. Quickly sign off POs or invoices from anywhere with built-in emails and electronic approvals.



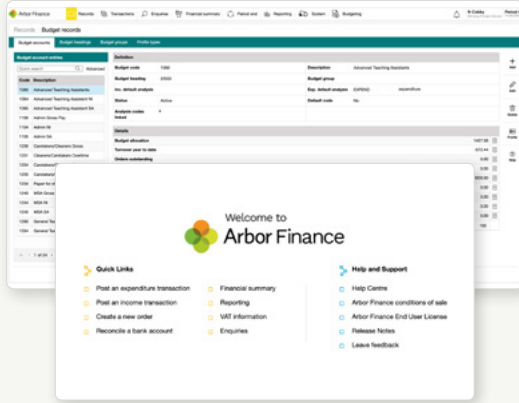
Simple and time saving

Get up and running quickly, with very little training. Arbor Finance is easy to pick up whether you have an accounting background or not — and gives you time back for all the other hats you wear.



Cloud-based convenience and security

Do away with extra costs by taking your finance system off your server. Plus, keep your data secure with our SSO, trusted IP range and multi-factor authentication options.



Built-in statutory reporting

Includes all the essential statutory reports your school needs such as the CFR, and can be exported into Excel, PDF and CSV.

Winning Primary School									
Transactions where Funding stream not specified									
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HAMM	EXPEND	3379	000096	URC	11 Aug 2005	83.99			83.99 18-620
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JESP	EXPEND	3700	000087	URC	11 Aug 2005	7.95	1.39	1	9.34 18-652
JESP	EXPEND	3700	000087	URC	11 Aug 2005	73.74	12.96	1	86.64 18-653
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Everything you need to make your school accounting tasks straightforward

Our features:

Cloud-based convenience

Work from anywhere and at any time, keep your financial data secure, and save on costs by removing everything on your server.

Built-in statutory reporting

Includes all the essential statutory reports your school needs such as the CFR. Export reports into Excel, PDF and CSV.

Easy-to-read reports and financial summaries

Get an overview of your school's finances in a format that's easy for everyone to understand.

Automatic reconciliation

Simplify your cash management and save time with automatic reconciliation. Upload your bank statement and Arbor Finance will automatically match statement lines with transactions. Spot errors quickly and keep your school's finances up-to-date.

Purchase Orders

Stay on top of purchasing with Purchase Orders (POs) in Arbor Finance. Create simple POs, track your orders, and place repeat orders. You can even import or link to suppliers' catalogues to make repeat orders a breeze.

Online invoicing

Say goodbye to paper invoicing - Arbor Finance gives you one easy, online place to create, manage and send out your school invoices.

Paperless sign off

Approve transactions and payments online with electronic approvals. Quickly approve POs or invoices from anywhere, and take the step to becoming a paperless office.

Audit log

Get a complete record of all your transactions and activities using our Audit Log. See at a glance who made a transaction, and when they made it — making tracing transactions and finding errors quick and easy.

Reports for your LA

Where possible, we'll work with you and your Local Authority to build a bespoke set of monthly reports - as required by your authority and tailored to your needs.

Email from the system

Send emails directly from Arbor Finance and save time with pre-set recipient email addresses and email templates. Set your own font and logo so you're not starting from scratch each time.

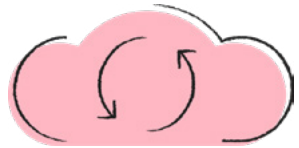
Role based permissions

Customise your permission settings to ensure each user has the right level of access for their role.

Import your budget

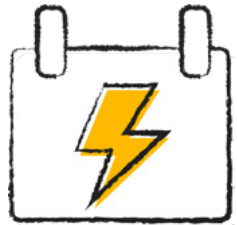
Easily import your budget file into Arbor Finance and reduce manual entry. Whether you're using a budgeting tool or a spreadsheet, upload your budget in just a few clicks.

We'll make Arbor Finance a success at your school



A clear view of your data migration

We take care when moving your data to Arbor Finance, giving you the opportunity to check everything's in order.



And onboard in just six weeks

We get you set-up fast so you can complete all your essential accounting tasks from day one.

All implementation and training can be done 100% remotely.

95%

We're proud of our 95% Customer Satisfaction score for support

1,250

schools use and love Arbor Finance



With clear guidance every step of the way

We've designed a hassle-free journey for schools to move to Arbor Finance. You'll have clear, supportive guidance every step of the way, helping you set up and use Arbor Finance in your school.

Meanwhile, our expert trainers will give your staff the training they need to use Arbor Finance confidently.



Top-rated school support

We're always here if you need us.

Get quick, friendly and free support by:

- Phone and email, 8am–5pm, Monday–Friday
- Online Help Centre and the Arbor Training Hub
- Resources to get you ready for important dates, like the end of financial year

Our support partners

We know how important it can be to keep your local, trusted support team. Our network of support partners includes financial specialists as well as MIS specialists.

Our accredited finance partners offer support on the Arbor Finance system, as well as financial and accountancy support for your school. Take a look at the list below to see if your local team is on there.



Arbor Finance

Don't see your support partner? Don't worry — we work closely with Local Authorities to make sure your move to Arbor Finance and Arbor MIS is as smooth and stress free as possible.

Are you a Local Authority looking to move MIS and Finance system?

Choosing Arbor MIS and Arbor Finance means you can move to the cloud *and* get the benefits of Arbor's top-rated products.

With over 14 years experience in school finance, we already work with over 20 Local Authorities to ensure their schools have the tools they need to make day-to-day accounting simple and straightforward.

We'll work closely with you to make your schools' move as seamless as possible, and to make sure you're fully equipped to provide them with local, trusted support.

If you're an LA team reviewing your schools' MIS and Finance options, we'd love to hear from you.

Get in touch at hello@arbor-education.com

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Move to Arbor, at last!

Locked into a legacy MIS/Finance contract? Choosing Arbor MIS and Arbor Finance means you can move to the cloud and get the benefits of Arbor’s top-rated products (at last!).

With over 5,000 schools and 400 MATs, **Arbor is the UK’s most popular cloud MIS.** It’s chosen by more schools who switch than any other MIS.

“If I had to talk to a school that was thinking about changing to Arbor, the one thing I would tell them is to just do it, because your data will actually mean something to you. Instead of inputting data and not really appreciating why or what it means, you will get a view of what is actually happening in your school.”



Ruth Davies,
IT Manager at St James’
CofE Primary School



92%

save time with Arbor
compared to their
previous MIS

81%

say Arbor has improved
how they analyse and
understand data

92%

say Arbor has changed
the way they work for
the better

Our School MIS features

Intuitive Dashboards

Get simple, at-a-glance overviews of key performance measures

Attendance

Lightning-fast digital registers – no more paper!

Report Builder

Build reports using any data point in Arbor. Schedule them to run daily, weekly, or termly

Easy Assessments

Track your pupils’ formative progress through school

My Classroom

Create seating plans and manage your class

Progress

Track summative progress

Behaviour

Record, reward and report on behaviour

Parent and student portals

Log in to see updates and make payments

Communications

Send and receive SMS and email and search all school comms

SEN

Assign and report on SEN

Integrations

Connect third-party systems to Arbor

Payments

Online and offline payments for meals, clubs and trips

Arbor App

Communicate with parents on the go

Census made simple

Complete your census quickly and easily without repeated resubmissions

Clubs and trips

Record attendance, monies collected and balances outstanding. No need to use paper!

Admin automation

Automatic escalation of tasks and chasing via email and SMS

Safeguarding

Securely permissioned access to child protection data

Group/LA data returns

Auto-submit central returns

Timetabling

Fully functional TimeTabler add-on

Live link to Excel

Automatically sync your data to Excel or Google Sheets for simpler number crunching

Calendar

School, staff and pupil calendars, linked to your mobile

Meals

Choose and manage meals across the school

Cover

Automatic messaging, scheduling and management

Interventions

Create interventions and monitor them over time

Staff and HR

Keep track of staff absences, appraisals and objectives

Flexible assessments

Create assessment frameworks that fit your pupils’ unique needs

Student profile

See holistic information about a child all in one place, including notes, behaviour and comms

Personalise behaviour recording & escalation

Record, reward and report on behaviour in a way that suits your pupils

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