How HISP Multi Academy Trust transformed the way they support their schools with MAT MIS

Arbor

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HISP Multi Academy Trust is an eight-school mixed-phase MAT that moved to Arbor in 2022. Gemma Fuge, Head of Systems, speaks to us about the impact Arbor, especially MAT MIS, has had on how they support their schools.

HISP Multi Academy Trust has two primary schools, six secondary schools (including two sixth forms), and over 7,100 students! HISP Multi Academy Trust needed an MIS that gave them the ability to support schools from the centre and reduce their schools' workload.

Gemma tells us that Arbor has helped them do just that: "So much time was spent previously asking schools for data that we can now obtain ourselves directly."

Multi-Academy Trust

2 Primaries, 6 Secondaries

Students: 7,100

Located: Hampshire, Dorset and Isle of Wight

Reducing the burden on schools

One of the key objectives that Gemma had when introducing Arbor to their schools and trust was to streamline operations for schools and staff - enabling them to be more efficient and reducing workload for school staff.

Since moving to Arbor and using MAT MIS, Gemma says, "Everything is much quicker to achieve. We don't have to request so much information, chase it up, format it in a consistent way."

The trust central team can now complete tasks that previously had to be done by the individual schools, "We can reduce the burden on SLT/data managers by gathering attainment and behaviour data for ourselves, reducing their workload significantly and freeing them up to concentrate on day-to-day tasks."

Supporting schools not to feel alone

In schools without a cloud MIS, admin staff can often feel siloed as they are the only ones who understand the system.

Gemma explains how Arbor has allowed HISP Multi Academy Trust to stop this feeling of isolation: "We are able to support school-based staff - particularly admin staff - who are often a lone wolf in their school within their area of expertise. Now we can log into their site, assist them if required, share advice and tips between schools and even use staff from other trust schools to assist with workload if required."

Increasing efficiencies with virtual support

Because Arbor is in the cloud and MAT MIS brings all their school data into one place, the central teams at HISP Multi Academy Trust can be there for their schools without having to drive to each one. "HR can run workforce census from the centre without physically attending sites - increasing efficiencies. They can pushdown payscales to ensure consistency and accuracy across the schools and reducing admin tasks for local staff members."

What advice would you give to a MAT who was thinking of moving MIS?

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It's the best thing you can do!

Gemma Fuge
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