



Bosco Catholic Education Trust is made up of 3 primary academies and 1 secondary academy.

The aim of the Bosco Catholic Education Trust is to provide an education which is 'second-to-none' for all children within Sussex.



Now executive business manager at St Philip Howard Catholic School and chief financial officer at the [Bosco Catholic Education Trust](#), **Jill Alcorn** has witnessed first-hand how, over the years, technology has helped streamline finance teams and drive efficiencies.

Here, Jill gives her thoughts on the **Access Finance and Budgeting** software.

Since first becoming a school business manager fifteen years ago, I've used a whole range of different products and software solutions to manage school finances and I would highly recommend Access to all academies.

I truly believe that being able to set balanced budgets and use limited resources well, can significantly improve learning and teaching outcomes in schools, but without the right tools in place this can, of course, be challenging.

The Bosco Catholic Education Trust was first established back in April 2017, to more formally bring together Catholic schools in Sussex. We soon realised that our previous financial software wouldn't be adequate for the changing needs of the trust, so set out to find a new provider.

We completed due diligence on the market leaders in the lead up to conversion and chose the Access Finance and Budgeting software because it's clear, simple, and very easy to use.

Since implementing the software, we have completely transformed our accounting processes, both from a practical point of view and from a strategic planning perspective. We are now able to work much more collaboratively between schools, which really has strengthened our partnerships - benefitting both pupils and teachers.

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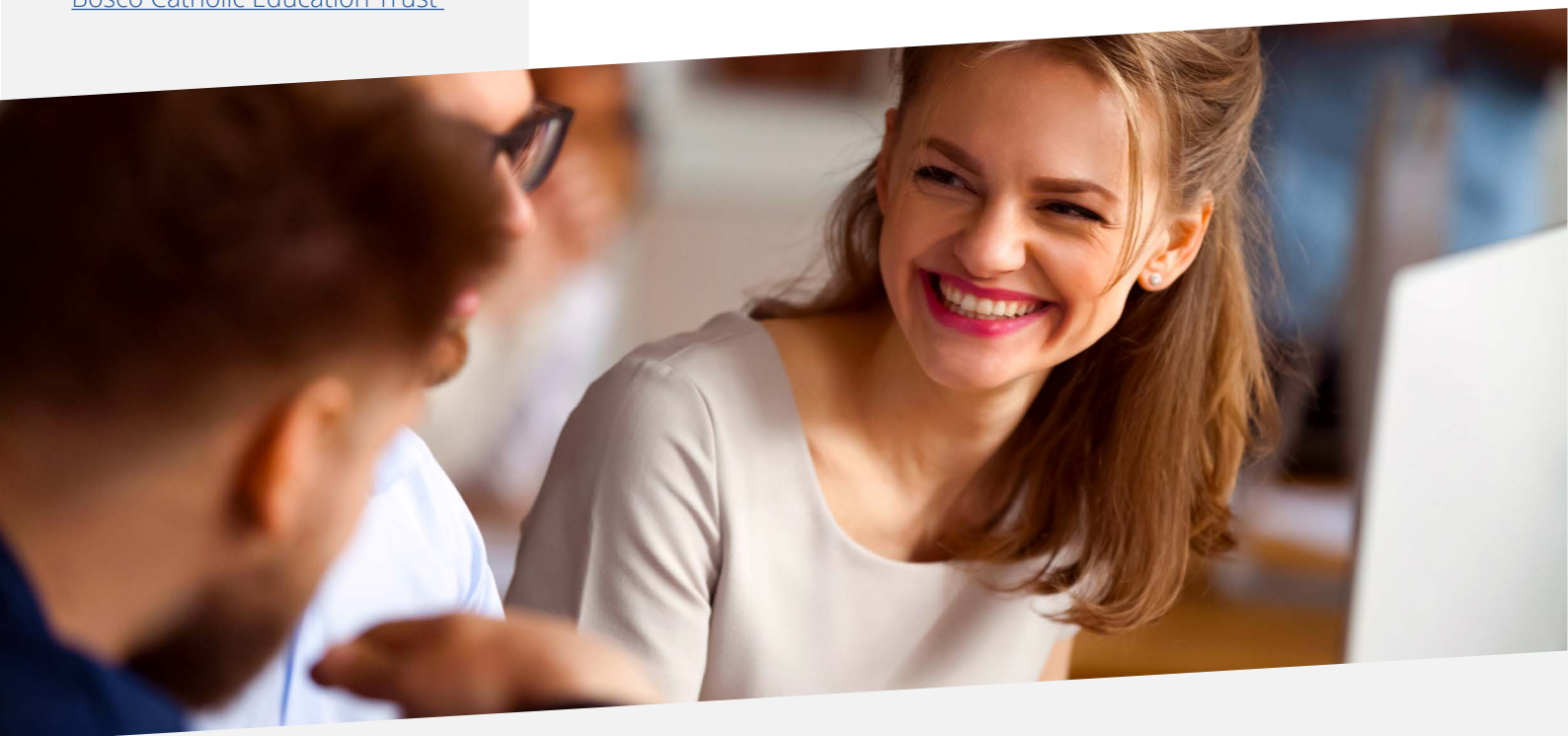
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We were also able to transition to proper financial accountability, something that is essential for any trust, and this was something I was keen to establish as soon as possible.

We were all really impressed with the team at Access and they were always on hand to guide us through the process or answer any questions.

The system is very user friendly. Being able to generate reports easily saves us many hours of trying to piece together information from different spreadsheets, and I know the Trustees and Governors have been impressed with this functionality.



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