



**The Enquire Learning Trust** is made up of almost 30 primary academies in the north of England.

The team envisage a Trust where well led, highly skilled and committed professionals collaborate, learn and innovate together to ensure that all academies are successful, where all learners have access to effective and innovative provision that meets their needs and aspirations.



Director of finance at the [Enquire Learning Trust](#), **Jodie Younger** is responsible for the financial management and sustainability of nearly 30 schools. Working to ensure a comprehensive and effective financial support service is in place, Jodie uses the **Access Finance and Budgeting** software.

**Here, Jodie gives her thoughts on how the software has helped bring greater cohesion between schools, as well as bringing them much closer to their aim of becoming a paperless trust.**

Before implementing the Access Finance and Budgeting software we were using Sage200. However, the system wasn't designed specifically for the education sector, and we really struggled to complete simple, day-to-day tasks in a timely manner. As the trust grew, this became more of a problem and we knew it was time for a change.

The team at Access were really helpful and despite implementing a new system during lockdown, I know the whole team felt well supported. It's not just the finance team benefitting, everyone across the trust benefits from smoother processes, with financial reporting and planning made much easier.

As our finance and budgets systems now talk to each other, tasks that previously took several days can be completed in a matter of hours. I anticipate that as we become more familiar with the software, we'll get even quicker - it's a really exciting time.

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I'm also confident that the Access software will play a key role in helping the trust go paperless over the next few years. It's so easy to use and has already replaced many processes that were previously done manually, on paper.

Remote working and the upgrading of various IT systems sparked this initiative and I believe it's really important that all schools do what they can to reduce paper consumption, aside from the environmental benefits it really does make the job much easier.

From a whole-trust perspective, we can now work much more efficiently since implementing the Access software. Rather than in silos - which can sometimes happen, especially in larger trusts, the business and finance teams in each school can keep each other updated, share good practice and easily compare key metrics.

We can now generate reports in a matter of minutes and in a range of different formats which is hugely useful for a trust of our size. Hours of staff time will be saved in this area.



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