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First established in September 2009, Fulwood Academy is the first academy to join the **Dunstone Education Trust.**

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David Brookes, director of finance and operations at the Dunstone Education Trust manages a single site academy in Preston, Lancashire. As the trust looks to expand and grow, David has seen the value of moving from a server-based system to an integrated, cloud-based solution.

Here, David discusses the Access software and how he found the remote implementation process.

Having implemented the Access Finance software remotely, I've been really impressed with the intuitive nature of the system and the support from the team at Access. I'm not the most tech savvy, but I really enjoyed the training which kept me engaged for three full days!

During the training, we were able to work step-by-step through a range of scenarios and processes to ensure that I was fully prepared for the system going live. Of course, getting to grips with any new technology can take some time, but having the team at Access on the end of the phone is providing us with real reassurance.

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Previously, we were using an old, server-based Civica system, but this simply wasn't adequate for a Trust looking to expand. The fact we can log into the Access system via the cloud means that as we grow, the central team can view key documents, metrics, and performance charts from anywhere, as well as being able to consolidate accounts.

It made sense to implement these systems now, before our imminent expansion, to give us the best chance of success.

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