



## Response to Request for Information

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### *Finance System*

#### Request:

1.      The software that each school in your authority use to manage school finance e.g. Capita FMS, PS Financials, etc.  
[LA Schools use Capita FMS. Academy schools use a variety of software and purchase directly from supplier.](#)
2.      Do you have a licence / contractual arrangement with a finance supplier?  
[Yes, for LA schools only.](#)
  - a.      Please provide the name of the supplier.  
[Capita](#)
  - b.      Please provide the nature of the duration of this contract.  
[Rolling Annual Licence.](#)
  - c.      Please provide the cost to the LA for this contract.  
[£149,000](#)
  - d.      How is the pricing structure for each school calculated?  
[Annual Fee](#)
3.      Do you provide support for this software?  
[An SLA is offered for this support](#)
  - a.      Is this support priced separately to the software?  
[Yes](#)
  - b.      Can schools just purchase licences or are they included with support?  
[Schools are free to purchase their own licences](#)
  - c.      How is the pricing structure calculated for each school's support?  
[Annual Fee](#)

4. Are schools free to choose their own finance software, or is this chosen by yourselves?

Schools are free to purchase their own software

5. Does the finance system integrate with HR/Payroll services provided by the council?

No.

a. Please give a brief explanation of how this works.

Not applicable

b. Are schools free to use another package for this integration?

Not applicable

6. Please provide me with the school's pay scale for teaching and support staff (including spine points and pay grades).

Following careful consideration, the information you requested concerning the school's pay scale for teaching and support staff falls under Section 21 of The Act, which relates to 'information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means'.

The exemption applies as the information is published and publicly available to view by accessing the following link. Please note that school teachers are paid in accordance with national School Teachers Pay and Conditions – For non teaching staff grades in maintained schools see the attached. Academy schools determine their own pay and conditions of service.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/school-teachers-review-body-strb-reports>