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# Protect your trust from risk with the Internal Scrutiny experts

As an academy trust, you need to provide assurance to your board that financial and non-financial controls and risk management procedures are operating effectively. Internal Scrutiny from Strictly Education helps you deliver that assurance, with the added benefit of our knowledgeable education sector specialists contributing advice and best practice.

## Why choose Strictly Education?

### ALL AREAS COVERED

We cover the full range of school operations and provide trusts with the assurance that all areas of risk have been considered.

### EDUCATION SPECIALISTS

Working only in the education sector, we have the required expertise and understand the risks academy trusts need to manage across all operational areas.

### SHARED BEST PRACTICE

As education specialist working with over 900 academies and 180 MATs we are uniquely placed to share best educational practice with our clients.

### INDEPENDENT CRITICAL FRIEND

Strengthen governance oversight by receiving independent, external advice from a trusted and critical friend.

### STAY STATUTORY COMPLIANT

We will make sure your trust is fulfilling its statutory duties by submitting the summary report along with year-end accounts before 31 December.

### PROTECT YOUR TRUST

Protect trust assets and run an operationally safe and effective school, with all the necessary financial and non-financial controls in place.

# Whatever area of risk you want to focus on, we have you covered

Strictly Education can help embed a culture of risk management within your academy trust and help save money by streamlining systems and processes, which give you time and money to spend on improving educational outcomes for learners. We have experts in Finance, HR, Premises, Safeguarding and all areas of education business. **See how we compare against Financial Auditors:**

Areas of Scrutiny	Strictly Education	Financial Auditor
<b>Finance:</b> Cash & Bank	✓	✓
Financial processes, budgeting & reporting	✓	✓
Procurement	✓	✓
<b>People:</b> PR & payroll systems	✓	✓
Organisational culture & planning	✓	✗
<b>Governance &amp; IT:</b> Fraud, theft and bribery	✓	✗
Data & IT issues	✓	✗
Governance structure	✓	✗
Business continuity plans	✓	✗
<b>Premises:</b> Building issues & health and safety	✓	✗

Working with 900 academies and 180 MATs for many years, Strictly Education has the knowledge and expertise in all corners of how a well-run education establishment should be. Take your internal scrutiny to the next level and gain best practice recommendations whilst meeting your trust's ESFA requirements.

Contact us today to find out more

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