

CONTINUING TO WORK WITH

LINK EDUCATION THROUGH VALUE MATCH

Procurement information for Academy Trusts and Multi-Academy Trusts.



APPROVED SUPPLIER

Value Match Managed Sourcing Service

What the route gives your Trust



Capped rates

Rates not exceeding those available through RM6376



Clear oversight

Agency expenditure



Due diligence

Evidence available



Same relationship

Your usual consultant

The path to contracting

1

Access

Customer Access Agreement



2

UK6

Trust publishes notice



3

Contract

Value Match drafts; Link signs



4

UK7

Trust publishes notice



5

Ready

Fully contracted



LINK SUPPORTS THE PROCESS

We work with Trust procurement, finance and HR teams throughout onboarding.



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REC

Audited
Education

Procurement, safeguarding and service assurance

The Value Match MSS provides a separate managed sourcing route through which eligible Trusts may contract with Link Education.

THE PROCUREMENT ROUTE

Key points for Trust teams



Separate route

Link Education is appointed to Value Match MSS, a separate route, and is not a direct RM6376 supplier.



Award route

Depending on the requirements, the Trust may use further competition or direct award.



Call-Off Order

The Call-Off Order forms a separate contract between the Trust and Link Education.

RM6376 POSITION

Rates and Trust governance

From September 2026, academy trusts should procure agency staffing through RM6376 or another compliant route that meets the requirements of the Procurement Act 2023. Where an alternative route is used, rates should not exceed those available through RM6376.

TRUST RESPONSIBILITY



Each Trust confirms that its chosen route meets its governance and procurement requirements.

What Link Education can provide



Safeguarding

Safer recruitment and candidate vetting assurance



Governance

Insurance, data protection and information security evidence



Commercial

Agreed staffing terms, rates and assignment information



Operational

AWR, compliance monitoring and safeguarding escalation



THE SAME LINK EDUCATION RELATIONSHIP

The procurement route sits behind the service relationship. Your usual consultant remains your contact for staffing requirements, bookings and candidate availability.



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