

## Finance Assistant (Regional)

**Reporting to:** Finance Manager

**Location:** South London

**Contract:** Permanent

**Pattern:** Full Time (standard hours 9am – 5.30pm)

**Salary:** £23,500 to £27,500 (depending on experience)

### About the role:

This is an exciting opportunity to join Ark Schools' Regional finance team in a full-time, permanent role, supporting Ark's secondary academies in South London. You will have a 'home school' in Southwark where you will spend most of your time with the remainder of time supporting regional working. Initially, your home school will be Ark All Saints Academy (SE5 OUB). You will work closely with (and report to) the Finance Manager at your home school and will also work with the relevant Principal, Operations and Finance leads at the schools you are supporting.

As Regional Finance Assistant your role is an integral part of the schools in the region, responsible for ensuring high standards of financial integrity. Depending upon which school you are supporting, you will manage the daily and monthly financial processes in the school, ensuring compliance with the requirements of the Academies Financial Handbook. Your duties in each school may vary slightly as you may be required to support the current Finance team(s) in place.

### Key Responsibilities:

- Working closely with the Finance Manager, Finance Officer and other finance and operations leads to ensure the continuing financial stability of the school
- Placing orders, receiving goods, and maintaining a professional relationship with suppliers
- Ensuring accurate and timely processing of purchase invoices and other documents using Concur and PS Financials accounting software, reconciling supplier statements, and preparing payment runs for authorisation
- With support from school finance teams where appropriate:
  - reconciling schools bank accounts, credit card statements and financial ledgers
  - operating petty cash; receiving, recording and banking monies paid into the school, ensuring all monies outstanding are collected
  - assisting the Finance Manager or Finance leads with the preparation of month end and year end accounts
  - working with the Operations leads to ensure goods and services are processed in compliance with current and relevant procurement legislation, ensuring best value is achieved
  - assist with the administration of school's parent payment system

### **Other**

- Carry out other reasonable tasks as directed by the Finance Manager
- To be willing to undertake appropriate training in line with contractual duties
- Support other schools in the region as necessary

## Person Specification: Finance Assistant (Regional)

### Qualifications

- English and Maths GCSE grade A-C, or equivalent
- Part-qualified AAT, ACCA, CIMA, ACA desirable

### Knowledge & Skills

- Experience of running effective administrative and financial systems, ideally within a school environment
- High level of proficiency with Microsoft Office, especially excel, PSF financials and Concur desirable
- Experience using financial databases and confidence and interest in learning new technologies

### Personal Qualities

- Strong organisational and time-management skills and the ability to delegate appropriately
- Ability to skilfully manage and maintain effective working relationships with colleagues and other stakeholders
- Ability to manage own time to enable multi-school regional working
- Works productively in a high-pressure environment
- Helpful, approachable, and positive nature
- High standards and a keen eye for detail
- Keen to learn and further develop own skills
- Exercises sound judgment, especially relating to confidentiality and discretion
- Willingness to join in the life of the school

### Other

- Right to work in the UK
- Commitment to equality of opportunity and the safeguarding and welfare of all students
- Willingness to undertake training
- This post is subject to an enhanced DBS check

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