

Frequently Asked Questions



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Questions	Answers
I don't know where to start, help?	There is plenty of guidance available providing you with a step-by-step approach, all available on the internet, that can help you. The webinar and resource pack should help you with this!
How do I support others in the understanding of effective school resource management, what is the first step?	If not already in place, gain access to the supporting documents within this resource pack. Distribute these to other school leaders / governors / trustees of the school or Trust and request a meeting to focus on this as a starting point.
It sounds so complicated; I am scared I will get things wrong.	Follow the guidance and use the resources available from the Department for Education. Don't be scared and always seek support if You're unsure – this could be through your local network of SBP's, which can always offer a wealth of experience. Use the link within this resource pack to locate your nearest group if you are unsure
Our school doesn't have a risk register in place – what should I do?	Speak to your Headteacher and/or Chair of Finance / Resources committee to put one into place. A risk register should be in place to protect your school ensuring robust measures and systems of control are in place – use the Governors Handbook and (For Academies) the Academies Financial Handbook as a starting point.
Our school does not have a fully costed School Improvement Plan in place	The purpose of a fully costed school improvement plan is to ensure that priorities are identified and that funds are available for those to be achieved. The risk is that the possible outcomes of students are not achieved or financial spend is exceeded as forecast – discuss with the Chair of Resources / Finance Committee and Headteacher to recommend that this is put in place as soon as possible – challenge, expressing that this could impact on the financial position of the school / trust if not implemented.