



Ascendancy Partnership Trust is a multi-academy trust with deep community roots across the Berkshire area, composed of a family of SEN schools all specialising in learning difficulties.

Finance Manager

Centrally employed and providing support to our schools in the Reading area

£49,285 to £53,342 per annum depending on experience, pay award pending

37 hours a week – 29 days holiday a year plus Bank Holidays

Are you an experienced finance professional looking for an opportunity to influence and support educational excellence?

We're looking for a dynamic Finance Manager to support our schools and contribute to the wider financial strength of Ascendancy Partnership Trust. Reporting directly to the Trust CFO, you will play a key role in delivering effective financial management.

This high-impact role will influence major decisions, lead financial planning and drive value for money — ensuring resources are used brilliantly to support the education and wellbeing of our students.

What You'll Do:

- Lead budgeting, forecasting and monthly reporting for the school(s)
- Provide trusted financial insight to the Headteacher and senior leaders
- Ensure strong financial controls, compliance and audit readiness
- Maximise value for money
- Manage cash flow, funding and key financial operations
- Lead and develop the school's finance team

What You'll Bring:

- Part-qualified or qualified accountant (ACCA/CIMA/CIPFA)
- Strong financial analysis and reporting skills
- Confidence advising senior leaders

- Excellent communication, organisation and problem-solving abilities
- Experience in academy/school finance (advantageous)

You'll help ensure our schools are financially strong, sustainable and able to deliver exceptional outcomes for every student.

What we offer

- Local authority pension and life assurance scheme
- 29 days holiday a year plus Bank Holidays
- Flexible working hours
- A range of flexible benefits
- Blue Light Card
- Free onsite parking
- On site café
- Family-friendly policies
- Wellbeing support
- Opportunity to work with a team of professionals across the Trust
- Continuous professional development and great learning opportunities

Closing Date: Monday 3 August 2026

How to Apply: Please download a job application pack from the Trust website <https://www.ascendancypartnershiptrust.co.uk/about-us/vacancies>

Please email your completed form to: careers@aptmat.co.uk

We welcome applications from all sections of the community.

The Ascendancy Partnership Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. Applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening and safer recruitment checks appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers and the DBS. This position is exempt from the provisions of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974.

Applicants must be eligible to work in the UK.

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