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The Department for Education has published guidance about COVID-19 in educational settings for staff, parents and carers, pupils and students on GOV.UK.

1. Latest information on coronavirus

Please check <u>GOV.UK</u> regularly for updates

We are hosting the first academy trust virtual finance director's networking event on Thursday 21 January 2021 from 9.30am to 1pm. Join us to hear keynote addresses from:

finance director's networking event

2. Information: Academy trust virtual

 Baroness Berridge, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for the School System

• Warwick Sharp, Director, Academies and Maintained Schools Directorate,

Eileen Milner, ESFA Chief Executive

- **ESFA** We will be covering key themes, including:
- financial governance bringing a new school in to a MAT
- effective procurement

• funding policy

- December along with information about how to submit questions ahead of the

Please reserve your place using **Eventbrite**.

event.

3. Information: View my financial

We have arranged a schedule of webinars to help you to familiarise yourselves

This will be a live event using MS Teams. We will issue joining instructions in

Please register for your preferred date:

with the view my financial insights (VMFI) tool.

Wednesday 11 November from 2pm to 3pm

Thursday 19 November from 1pm to 2pm

Tuesday 24 November from 12pm to 1pm

insights webinars

- 4. Information: automating your

academies accounts return

technology that enables you to send data directly from your financial management system (FMS) to the Department for Education (DfE). Our intention is to roll out this functionality to the whole academy sector.

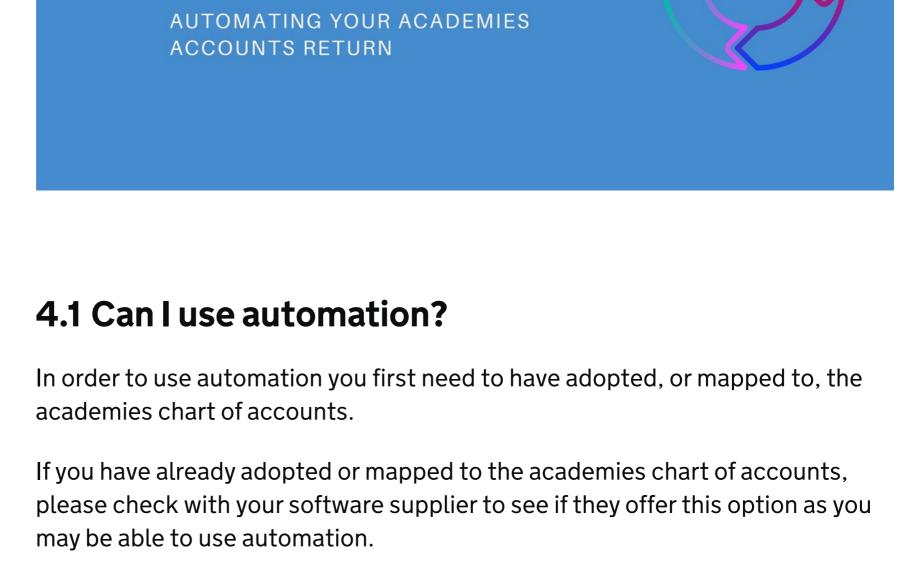
shows you the three simple steps you need to take to get up to 80% of your academies accounts return pre-populated with data you hold in your software system. We have also produced a short video demonstrating the new automation functionality.

You can read our <u>quick start guide</u> to automating your accounts return. This

We are working with two financial management software suppliers to pilot new

Academies accounts return

Academies accounts return (AAR) online form: automating ...



If you haven't yet adopted or mapped to the academies chart of accounts,

5. Information: 16 to 19 tuition fund

Revised allocations statements are now available on ESFA Information

Exchange for providers that returned a completed opt-in form between the 20

during November and will need to be signed by the end of the month to ensure

payment in December. This contract variation can only be issued where there

September and the final deadline of the 14 October. The statement confirms

please see more information about our academies chart of accounts and talk to

the new total funding allocation inclusive of the 16 to 19 tuition fund. Payments will normally commence in December. For FE institutions and local authorities (where maintained sixth forms have opted in) contract variations will be issued

your supplier about switching over.

are no variations currently awaiting signature. Please review your account on MYESE to ensure you have nothing outstanding. Full details of eligibility are given in the guidance on the 16 to 19 tuition fund. Note that special schools and special academies are not in scope for the 16 to 19 tuition fund as all of their provision is covered by the schools catch-up premium funding.

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