



Unity Education Trust

Payment Practice Reporting – 1st March to 31st August 2026

Overview

As part of Government legislation, the Trust is required to report specific data in regard to its payment practices. A summary of the key reported information is presented below as well as a link to the full report on the Government website.

Payment Practice: Payment Statistics

As per statutory requirements, the data presented below covers the period 1st March to 31st August 2026.

Average time taken to pay invoices: 24 days (previous report 26 days)

Invoices paid (rounding to nearest percentage)

- Within 30 days: 84% (previous report 81%) – total value £6,412,621
- In 31 to 60 days: 14% (previous report 15%) – total value £465,282
- In 61 days or more: 2% (previous report 4%) – total value £132,918

Invoices due but not paid within agreed terms: 26% (previous report 32%) – total value £1,314,787. It should be noted that many suppliers have reduced their own terms to immediate payment or under 7 days which is very difficult to achieve.

We have no invoices outstanding that are in dispute during the reporting period.

Payment Practice: Payment Terms

The Trust's standard payment terms are 30 calendar days. However, for small, local companies the Trust aims to pay invoices as soon as possible.

The Trust takes its responsibilities as a steward of public funds very seriously. Therefore, regardless of payment terms, no invoices will be paid where the goods or services have not been provided to the Trust's expectations and standards.

Dispute Resolution Process

In all instances we seek to communicate with suppliers and resolve any issues to mutual satisfaction in a professional manner.

Submission and Approval

The payment performance report covering the period 1st March to 31st August 2026 inclusive and was made on 3rd September 2026 and approved by:

Glyn Hambling

CEO