

# Parago Software signs its one-hundredth multi-academy trust – STEP Academy Trust

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Parago now serves multi-academy trusts across every region in the UK

Reading, United Kingdom, 26th May 2016 — Parago Software Ltd, a world leader in cloud based education asset management solutions, today announced that it has just signed its one-hundredth multi-academy trust, STEP Academy Trust, who will be using Parago's asset management solution.

Established in May 2011, STEP Academy Trust comprises seven Academies: Applegarth Academy, Angel Oak Academy, David Livingstone Academy, La Fontaine Academy, Gonville Academy, Heathfield Academy and Wolsey Junior Academy. Together, STEP Academies work to provide high quality learning experiences for all their pupils, inspired by the commitment to improve children's life chances.

In late 2015 STEP Academy Trust was looking to introduce a system that would enable it to improve the management of its assets. Mark Pinnock, Head of Premises and Estates at STEP Academy Trust, comments: "Our priority was to obtain an accurate inventory of all our assets across the seven Academies in the Trust. We also wanted to manage service and maintenance contracts in an automated and compliant, but simplified way. The Parago asset, facilities and contract management system will allow the Academies in the Trust to manage their facilities assets and inventory easily and cost effectively."

The STEP Academies will be able to see a virtual image of their whole Academy with the ability to zoom into individual classrooms to see every asset and task. This new technology means that Academies in the Trust can move away from relying on multiple spreadsheets and instead use a single solution as a way of controlling, reporting and managing their inventory, contracts and premises.

Mark Pinnock continues: "We were impressed by Parago's ability to tailor its system to our needs as well as respond to specific circumstances such as one of our Academies temporarily being located in the building of another Academy. Parago was also able to offer a competitive price for its services.

"So far we have been impressed by Parago's willingness to work alongside the staff who will be involved in capturing our assets onto the system and the partnership involving Parago's auditors and our Academy staff has been well received by everyone in the Trust."

With STEP Academy Trust now using the inventory solution, Parago Software now serves academy trusts in every region across the UK, from the South West to the North East.

Tim Roots, Managing Director at Parago Software Limited comments: "I am delighted that Parago Software has just signed its one-hundredth multi-academy trust to use our cloud-based asset management solutions. As a result of using our system, MATs, like STEP, are saving time and money on asset management and procurement, contracts management and premises maintenance."

To learn more about Parago's powerful and fully integrated asset management system, visit: [www.parago.co.uk](http://www.parago.co.uk) (<http://www.parago.co.uk/>).

About Parago Limited

Parago Software has been developing specialist inventory management systems for education for 10 years. Life is complicated enough, therefore Parago's mission is to provide busy managers with user friendly, intuitive and cost effective software services that don't require a degree in rocket science to use. Headquartered in the UK, Parago now has over 1000 schools, colleges and universities using its secure cloud based solution.

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