



The IFRS16 Maintained Schools Finance Lease Class Consent 2024

The general consent

1. The Education Act 2002 (“the Act”) provides for each maintained school to have a governing body which is a body corporate constituted in accordance with statute. Schedule 1 to the Act¹ contains general provisions relating to the governing body as a body corporate.
2. Paragraph 3 of that Schedule sets out the governing body’s powers, including in particular power to borrow such sums as the governing body think fit and, in connection with such borrowing, to grant security over any land or other property of the governing body (sub-paragraph (3)(a)). That power to borrow money and grant security may, however, only be exercised with the written consent of the Secretary of State in relation to England (sub-paragraph (4))². Such consent may be given for borrowing of a particular class.
3. The Secretary of State for Education hereby grants consent for borrowing comprised in a lease entered into by or for one or more maintained schools where the lease is of a description specified in the Schedule to this general consent.
4. This general consent comes into force on 1 April 2024 and may be cited as “The IFRS16 Maintained Schools Finance Lease Class Consent 2024”.

Signed on behalf of the Secretary of State for Education

Signed 
Deputy Director, Central Capital Unit

Dated 26/03/2024

¹ brought into effect by section 19(6) of the Act

² unless the Secretary of State makes provision (under sub-paragraph (5)) by order for that function to be instead exercised by the maintaining local authority: no such order is in force

Schedule

1. All existing leases in place on 1 April 2024 for items included in this list
2. Leases related to IT equipment (for example laptops, tablets, desktop computers, printers, photocopiers, servers, door entry security systems, CCTV Systems, whiteboards and touch screen boards)
3. Leases related to telephony (for example mobile phones, landline phones and telephone systems)
4. Leases related to catering and cleaning equipment (for example tills, water coolers, vending machines, dishwashers, washing machines, ovens, fridges, freezers, water boilers, small kitchen appliances, crockery and cutlery)
5. Leases related to furniture (for example desks, tables and chairs)
6. Leases related to bathroom and sanitary items (for example hand dryers, towel dispensers, sanitary bins)
7. Leases related to gym equipment (for example treadmills, free weights and weight machines, rowing machines and exercise bikes)
8. Leases related to groundskeeping equipment (for example lawn mowers, string trimmers, leaf blowers and salt spreaders)
9. Leases related to LED lighting system (for example lightbulbs, control mechanisms and control panels) - consent is granted where the product has been sourced with support from the Department for Education through [Get help buying for schools](#) or from a recommended route on our [Find a framework](#) website
10. Leases related to minibuses and other vehicles for the use of the school
11. Leases related to temporary classrooms and equivalent structures (but not land leases they sit on, which may require separate consent – see [school land transactions guidance](#))