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FREE CHECKLIST FOR SCHOOLS & TRUSTS

CIF 2027–28

BID CHECKLIST

Your CIF bid checklist

1 Check the dates and eligibility

- ▫ Register on the CIF portal by 12 noon, 30 November 2026
- ▫ Fix any errors: ask DfE to unsubmit a bid by 9 December 2026
- ▫ Submit your bid and all documents by 12 noon, 15 December 2026
- ▫ You are a stand-alone academy, a MAT with fewer than 5 schools or 3,000 pupils, a small VA body or a sixth-form college
- ▫ Project is £20,000+ (primary/special) or £50,000+ (secondary, all-through, sixth-form college), up to £4m

2 Match DfE's priorities

- ▫ Fire, gas, electrical, building safety or asbestos risk
- ▫ Risk of the space or the school having to close
- ▫ Weathertightness, heating or water supply failure
- ▫ Not RAAC, not a School Rebuilding Programme school, not energy-efficiency only

3 Build your evidence pack

- ▫ Independent condition survey with photos
- ▫ Test certificates: gas, electrical and fume cupboards
- ▫ Each defect described, with the risk if it isn't fixed
- ▫ Detailed costed scope from a specialist
- ▫ A programme that fits the school holidays

4 Labs and toilets: what strong bids show

- ▫ Labs: failed gas services, corroded pipework, failed fume cupboards, worktops that can't be kept clean
- ▫ Toilets: failed drainage or water supply, broken sanitaryware, partitions that no longer give privacy
- ▫ Toilet plans meet DfE's 2026 standards: full-height cubicles from KS2, no gaps

Need a survey and costed scope for your bid? Book free at brookhouse.com/contact or call 0345 383 0050.