

# SIMS NEXT GEN NEWSLETTER



All things MIS from your local support unit!

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## Welcome to the January Update

Hello,

SIMS Next Gen helps you work more efficiently, saving you time and reducing the complexity of your tasks. Let's walk through how you can utilize the various modules available to you.

Access your homepage - the first thing you'll see once logged into SIMS Next Gen is your personalised homepage. This dashboard displays the Pupil Profile, upcoming tasks, and quick links to frequently used modules.

Manage attendance - one of your first tasks is to look at children who have been marked as absent. If parents haven't called in with an explanation, you'll want to contact them. Use the Pupil Profile module to quickly search for the pupil and bring up their contact details and much more.

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# More Information on New Features

## For Teachers:

### Class View:

Your new in-class teaching tool combines key pupil information and essential teaching tasks in one place. With Class View, you can eliminate unnecessary admin and run your classroom more efficiently.

Let's dive into the key features:

- Create a seating plan. Reduce distractions and encourage collaboration to improve learning outcomes.
- Take the register. Get a visual summary of attendance at a glance.
- Add positive and negative conduct events. Spot patterns and provide appropriate feedback and support.
- Track key student information such as EAL, Pupil Premium, or SEND. Provide personalised teaching strategies to help your students thrive.
- Record assessments. Track student performance, identify areas for improvement, and plan targeted interventions to support student learning.
- Record a medical incident. Maintain an accurate and up-to-date record of health-related issues occurring during school hours.

### Conduct Events:

Record positive and negative behaviour more effectively.

- Choose your language for positive and negative conduct event types.
- Decide what data is captured for negative conduct based on severity levels.
- Quickly retrieve records to identify trends or revisit past incidents.

Conduct Dashboards will allow you to review and monitor conduct data for students under your supervision. These will be available early next year.

### Online Marksheets:

This popular module for secondary schools has now been extended to primary schools, allowing marksheets that are created in SIMS 7 to be made available in Next Gen.

## For School Leaders:

### School Attendance Reports:

Stay ahead with a powerful suite of five configurable attendance reports, designed to meet your school's unique needs and simplify your reporting process.

- Attendance by Category: Present attendance data to key stakeholders, including governors and MAT leaders.
- Attendance by Cohort: Quickly identify attendance trends across different groups.
- Attendance by Code: Access an in-depth view of student attendance patterns and codes.

### Attendance Tracker:

- Spot patterns over time for the whole school, key cohorts, or individual students.
- Percentage Attendance: Understand the reasons behind absences to take proactive measures.

### Finance Next Gen:

Simplify financial management with a cloud-based reporting solution that makes it easy to prepare and share reports with stakeholders.

- Ledger Code Reports: See how money is allocated and spent across different categories, such as departments, projects, or expense types.

## For MAT Leaders:

### **Group Hub:**

Take control with the new centralised management solution, designed to give you a holistic view of your trust and streamline operations across schools.

### **MAT Profile:**

Access comprehensive data on all schools in your trust, including key metrics like attendance rates and Ofsted ratings, all in one place.

### **Clusters:**

Efficiently manage groups of schools for targeted analysis and reporting.

### **Access school MIS:**

Drill down from Group Hub to the relevant school MIS for detailed information about pupils and staff.

### **Staff Profile:**

Centralized staff management to ensure smooth, consistent operations across schools.

## For Office Staff:

### **Staff Absences:**

Keep on top of staff attendance with this module that helps you track, manage, and analyse absences more effectively.

### **Edit & Create:**

Make quick updates to staff absences and see them reflected immediately in the Cover module and Staff Profile.

### **Spot Patterns:**

Identify trends and ensure your school meets its cover needs and statutory obligations.

## Useful Links:

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