

SIMS NEXT GEN PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



All things MIS from your local support unit!

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Welcome to the Summer 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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WHAT'S NEW/ COMING UP

For Teachers

Reporting & Insight Conduct,
Interventions and Provisions and School
Calendar

For School Leaders

Reporting and Insights - Staff Insights -
including drill-down and Conduct

For Office Staff

Census, CTF export, Single Parents
Application, Single Parental
Engagement Backoffice, Staff
contracts, Pupil Profile: Bulk edit.

Coming soon

Assessment Administration,
Pastoral Promotion process,
Manage Attendance and more

More Information on New Features

For Teachers:

More fields have now been added, which include 'Look up a pupil contact information'. Indicators have now been added to the pupil profile and can be seen in all tabs, for example, if a pupil has Pupil Premium, a social worker and if they are a leaver, future or guest pupil. Other indicators are EAL, Medical, and More

Reporting and Insights:

Conduct Track behaviour, lesson attendance, and engagement patterns in one view. Identify issues early and deliver targeted interventions to support better students learning journeys.

Interventions and Provisions:

Manage tailored interventions and provisions to ensure every child receives the support and resources they need to thrive academically and socially.

School Calendar:

Plan and manage school events from one central calendar. Add INSET days, sports days, and more to keep your whole school informed.

For School Leaders:

Reporting and Insights: Staff Insights:

Get a full view of your staff with insights into demographics, ICFP, pay gaps, and turnover - plus detailed absence data to support smarter workforce planning and compliance.

Reporting and Insights: Staff Drill-Down:

Access staff-level reports in a clear tabular format—giving you the insight you need to spot patterns, target support, and drive whole-school improvement.

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For Office Staff:

Census

Following feedback from SSUs and schools after the Spring Census, we have now taken the decision to keep the Summer Census available in both SIMS7 and SIMS Next Gen. Your experience and input have been central to this decision.

Our priority is stability and trust. While the process of completing the census in SNG was positively received, the Spring Census highlighted some discrepancies in data and validations within SNG. We have addressed the root causes and continue to deliver fixes ahead of the Summer Census.

Common Transfer File (CTF):

Export Easily create Common Transfer Files (CTFs) directly in SIMS Next Gen. This secure, standardised process supports smooth pupil transfers between schools and ensures continuity of records—meeting statutory requirements with less effort.

Single Parents Application:

Parents receive all school information in one app, reducing confusion and improving school and parent engagement. Onboarding is simple, easing the admin for schools. Available exclusively to schools with the Engage package.

Single Parental Engagement Backoffice:

Manage all parental engagement activities from a single application, ensuring no information or communication slips through the cracks. Available exclusively to schools with the Engage package.

Staff Profile: Contracts

Create and manage staff contracts for permanent and casual staff. Helps ensure accurate payroll and informed staffing decisions.

Pupil Profile: Bulk Edit

Update pupil information in bulk by year group, reg group, or custom group — across multiple areas at once, saving time and improving consistency

Coming Summer 2026

Assessment Administration:

Set up your school's assessment policies in the MIS. Reduce teacher admin while delivering clear, trackable progress data across year groups and subjects.

Pastoral Promotion Process:

Set up and apply promotion rules in bulk for current year groups, registration groups, and individuals. Configure next steps quickly to reflect changes in registration or academic year.

Manage Attendance:

Track pupil whereabouts, apply marks, spot patterns, message parents about unauthorised absences, and prepare statutory returns – all from one central hub that saves time and reduces admin. SMS bundles can be purchased for schools that wish to send text messages.

Pastoral Groups:

Set up, modify, and manage pastoral groups as part of the school end of academic year process. Easily allocate pupils to groups and view all groups in one place with an intuitive interface.

Homework:

Track, manage, and monitor assignments directly in SIMS Next Gen. Integrating with Microsoft Teams and Google Classroom, it will surface homework and submission data in Class View and My Markbook. Available exclusively to schools with the Engage package.

Pupil Profile: Communications Log:

Keep a full record of all parent and guardian communications in one place. Helps schools evidence engagement, support safeguarding, and prepare for inspections.

MIS Alerts and Notifications:

Automatically notify staff when key actions happen in the MIS – like changes to attendance, conduct, or staff records. Helps schools act quickly and respond to issues in real time.

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