

SIMS NEXT GEN SECONDARY 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 utilise 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.

Document Management Service (DMS): Manage documents across students, staff, and school records more efficiently. Bulk download and delete files, making it simple to stay organised and carry out regular housekeeping.

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WHAT'S NEW/ COMING UP

For Teachers

Reporting & Insight Conduct, Interventions and Provisions and School Calendar, Safeguarding Essentials, Exam Room Seating.

For School Leaders

Reporting and Insights - Staff Insights - including drill-down and Conduct, Document Management Service (DMS).

For Office Staff

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

Coming soon

Manage Attendance, Pupil Profile - Communication Log, Assessment Administration, MIS Alerts & Notifications and much 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

Safeguarding Essentials:

Efficiently record and monitor safeguarding data directly in SIMS. Stay compliant, support early intervention, and ensure every child gets the support they need to stay safe.

Exam Room Seating:

Create seating plans for pupils taking exams at your school. Clone existing seating plans to speed up and save you time in administering your seasons.

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, standardized 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 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.

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Coming In Summer 2026

Manage Attendance:

Track student 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Post-16:

Easily gather, check and submit all the necessary data for your Post-16 census submission. Designed to simplify compliance and give you full control over your reporting process.

Admissions: ADT, ASL and ATF:

Export and import applicant data through ADT, ASL, and ATF files. New workflows implemented with SIMS Next Gen, helps schools manage admissions efficiently and maintain data integrity across systems.

Cover Management:

Log staff absences and assign cover quickly and easily. Get immediate updates on availability, cover status, and timetable changes – helping you reduce disruption and keep lessons running smoothly.

Audit Trail :

Track every change made in SIMS – including who made it, when, and what data was affected. Supports transparency, compliance, and better data governance.

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