



# SIMS Newsletter



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## SIMS Spring Upgrade

### Admissions

Contacts are now optional when importing ATF files.

### Assessment

Key Stage wizards and templates have been updated. This includes the removal of **P Scale** and **D (Disapplied)** grades, and enables the use of **EM (Engagement Model)** and **A (Absent)** grades, where appropriate.

A CTF export type of **For Summer Term 2022 2nd Retake Screening Check Only** is available for Y2 pupils who missed or did not meet the threshold in the Autumn 2021 check. Any Y1 pupils taking their first Phonics screening check in 2022 can be treated in the usual way, using the CTF export option of **Phonics Test Results**.

Additional EYFS resources have been provided to support the revised **Development Matters Framework**.

The **EYFS Revised Profile Wizard** and Template 2022 are now statutory.

The **KS2 Multiplication Tables Check Templates Wizard** and Template 2022 are now available (previously delivered via En KS2 Template 2021 & Key Stage 2 Wizard England 2021).

### Attendance

It is now possible to apply attendance sub codes over a date range via **Focus | Attendance | Enter a Code over a Date Range**. D, Y and X codes are also now included in the **Pupil Analysis By Attendance Code** and **Group Analysis Code Reports**.

### Reporting

The following changes have been made:

- The **Staff Cover** sub-report is a new addition. (secondary schools only)
- Additional fields have been added to **Conduct** reporting
- **School Details** is now available to be added to pupil reports.
- **Total Hours Acad Yr** has been added to the **Funding & Monitoring** sub-report.
- **Contacts, Dietary Needs and Parental Consent** items can be reported on individually on Student List reports.
- **User Defined Groups** can be used and filtered on in Student List Reports.

### General

To assist with Subject Access Requests, linked documents outlined in the **Person Data Output (PDO)** can be downloaded in bulk. Funding & Monitoring details (if in use) are also now included in the PDO.

Additional columns have been added to **Maintain Orphaned Documents** to enable users to view by date range.

When changing password, it must now be at least 8 characters, with at least one alphabetic, one numeric and one special character.

## Special Points of Interest:

- **School Census** is on: Thursday **19th May 2022**
- Our phone number is: 01895 717 701
- You can email the Sims Team at : support@simsforschools.com
- Sims Courses for the Summer Term are now available to view/book online via: [www.simsforschools.com](http://www.simsforschools.com) or <https://schoolshrcooperative.co.uk>
- The SIMS User Group Meeting for the Summer Term will be held at St Martin's on Thursday 7th July at 2:30—4:00pm — all welcome.

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## FMS Spring Upgrade

### Consistent Financial Reporting (CFR)

All the CFR reports have been updated to display the correct financial year.

A new **B07 Capital Loans Balance** field has been added to the CFR report

### National Insurance 2022/2023

National Insurance calculations have been updated to reflect recent changes by HMRC

## Summer School Census 2022

### Summer School Census — Thursday 19th May 2022

A **Funding and Monitoring** panel has been added to the Census, with an Edit button that takes users directly to **Tools | Statutory Return Tools | Funding and Monitoring**. Within this, a **Total Hours** column has been added. Data in this column is not reported in the Census, but may be helpful when completing the end of year return.

The Census Return now includes a **Census Communications** message box, which contains external links to the ESS SIMS and DfE census information web pages, along with technical fileset and patch details.

More information will be provided at our **Census Presentation** on Wednesday 4th May—this will be held via Microsoft Teams and an invitation will be sent out in due course..

## General Updates



### We are Moving!

From September 2022, we will be based out of Unit 1 Britannia Court, The Green, West Drayton, UB7 7PN, alongside our Schools HR Co-operative colleagues.

Thank you to St Martin's for hosting us for the past three years.

### Helpdesk Messages

When we log an issue, we contact you via our helpdesk system. These messages come from an unusual email address and, based on the increasing instances of messages not being received by users, it may be worth asking your IT support to add this to your school's "safe senders" list. The email address is

[simsfors@linsrv101.linuxcontrolpanel.co.uk](mailto:simsfors@linsrv101.linuxcontrolpanel.co.uk)

In the meantime, we are working on a new website and helpdesk system. Watch this space!

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