SIMS

SIMS in the cloud

SIMS Next Gen and SIMS Connected

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Anytime, anywhere access to SIMS

SIMS is the leading MIS used by all school types and phases. Trusted by thousands of schools in the UK and internationally for over 30 years.

SIMS Next Gen

Next Gen is SIMS in the cloud with powerful new features and a completely new look. It builds on the unrivalled breadth and depth of existing SIMS functionality and enhances this for the cloud.

We're investing £40m in a multi-year programme of innovation working closely with customers to identify the features that matter most to them and that make running a school, group or MAT easier.

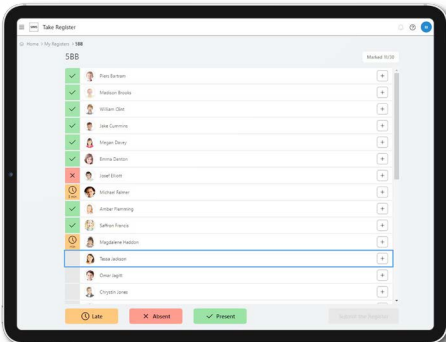By the end of 2026 we will have completed this evolution of SIMS for the cloud.

Our continuous development and release approach means modules are available now to SIMS 7 on-premises and SIMS Connected customers and we're adding new ones every term. Using Next Gen along with your existing version of SIMS will allow you to take advantage of these new cloud features at your own pace, without any disruption.

With SIMS Next Gen we are creating the best MIS for the cloud built on the experience and insight we've gained from over 30 years working with educators, leaders, and administrators.
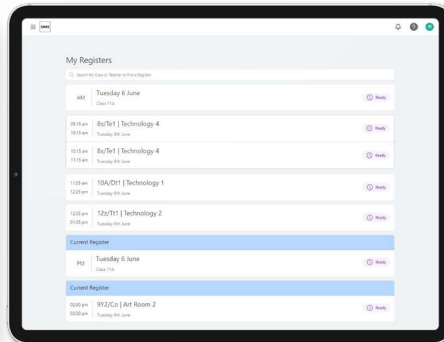
SIMS Next Gen modules available now

Join the schools already using SIMS Next Gen to simplify their daily tasks.
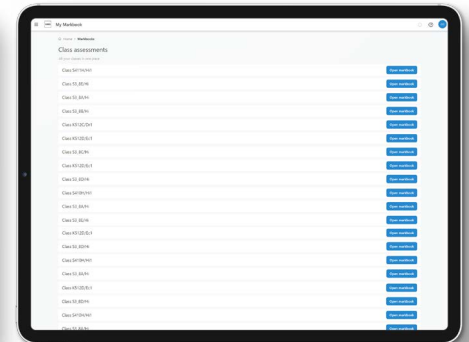
Developed for teachers

Statutory Attendance Register
Teachers can take session attendance registers anywhere, on any device, at any time. It's quick and efficient and ensures pupil safety.
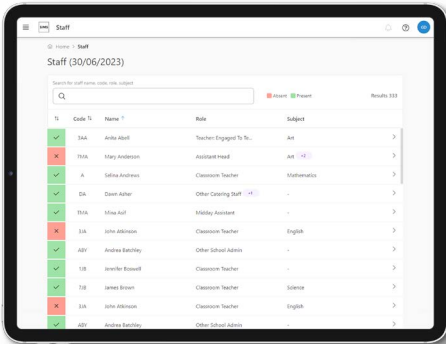
Lesson Attendance Register
Teachers can also complete their lesson registers anywhere. Save time, ensure the safety of pupils, and get back to teaching.
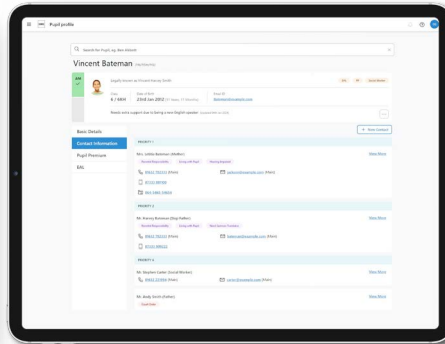
My Markbook
Make monitoring student progress easy with a single tool to record the outcomes of tests, observations, evaluations, or skill competencies in one location.
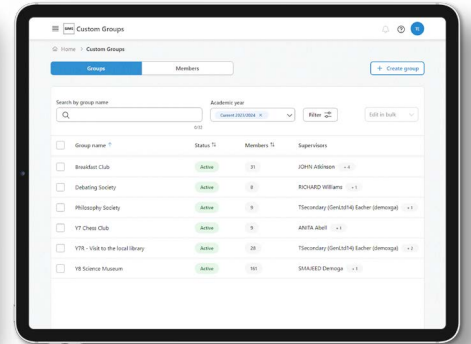
Developed for leaders and administrators

Staff Profile

All the information you need on staff members in one place. Quick access to contact details as well as key work information like working patterns, roles, and additional responsibilities.
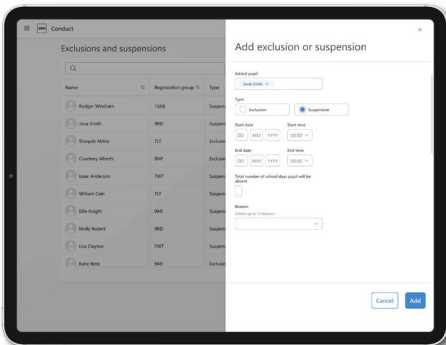

Pupil Profile

The central hub for viewing and editing pupil information. Staff get quick and easy access to essential contact details, Pupil Premium status, Free School Meal eligibility, and much more.
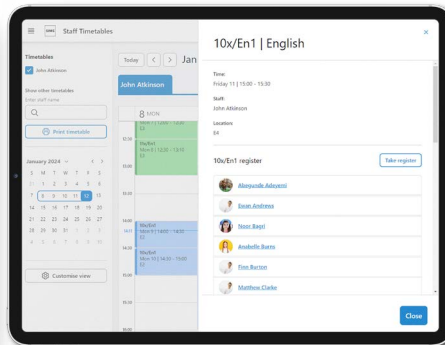

Custom Groups

With its user-friendly interface and easy search and filter options, Custom Groups allows data managers, school administrators, and teachers to create, bulk edit, and organise groups quickly and effectively.
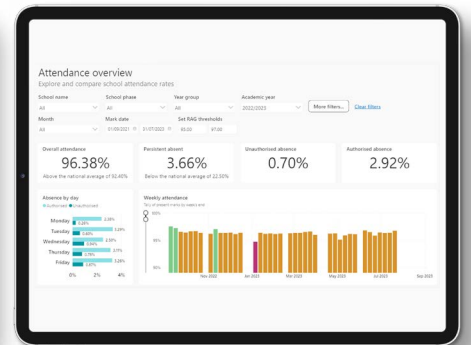

Exclusions and Suspensions

Easy-to-use interface for recording suspensions and exclusions. Step-by-step instructions ensure accurate data entry, providing key dates and information to streamline the process.

Staff Timetables Calendar

An easy-to-use calendar tool that displays staff timetables and cover lessons in one place. Stay organised and bring clarity to your lessons with our new intuitive colour-coded labels.

SIMS Group Analytics

Comprehensive reporting and analytics tools and consulting services tailored for MATs and school groups using SIMS. It provides a comprehensive overview of group or trust performance so leaders and administrators can identify trends, benchmark performance, and develop and monitor targeted improvement strategies to enhance overall educational performance.

SIMS Next Gen modules coming in 2024

Fire Registers

An online evacuation register that ensures the safety of all students in your school that can be used on a mobile device anywhere. It ensures students receive the necessary aid and assistance in an emergency evacuation.

Seating Plans and Class View

Plan, organise and edit class seating arrangements. Create the most positive learning environments that support students' growth and potential.

Online Marksheets

A quick and easy way to present data drop marksheets. Teachers can transfer ongoing data from their Markbooks to their Marksheets to report to parents.

Teacher Homepage

A personalised homepage for teachers, giving them direct and immediate access to their most frequent tasks like taking the register, looking up a class or checking their timetable.

SEND Data Extract

Simplify meeting compliance and reporting obligations by making it easy to use SEND data to generate reports and analyse student performance.

School Analytics

Get a clear picture of attendance data instantly. Identify at-risk individuals, meet statutory requirements, and make informed decisions for effective interventions.

Safeguarding

Real-time synchronisation of data from leading safeguarding applications with SIMS to ensure both systems are up to date and accurate.

Integration with HR Software

Real-time synchronisation to ensure that employee details are kept accurate in both systems, eliminating double entry, and fostering efficient running of HR processes.

Staff Professional Profile

Maintain staff qualifications, vetting checks, and training records. Ensure compliance and empower staff to handle every situation.

Group Hub MIS

All schools within a group or trust can be viewed in one place. Key information about the schools, such as its phase, pupils on roll, attendance, and Ofsted rating, can be analysed. Access an individual school's MIS directly from your group-level account.

Staff Absences

Record, manage and track staff absences effortlessly. Spot patterns, stay on top of cover needs, and meet your statutory obligations.

Achievements and Behaviours

Record conduct events for individuals or groups, using Seating Plans, Class View, and Pupil Profiles. Customise achievement names, conduct levels, and entry points to meet school needs and behaviour policies.

FMS Reporting

Enhanced reporting for FMS customers using SIMS Connected. Save time and effort preparing and sharing reports within your school or school group.

That's just the start.

Find out what else is coming in the SIMS Next Gen roadmap

Click here to download the
SIMS Next Gen roadmap

Instant data write-back with SIMS 7

As information is entered into SIMS Next Gen, it is immediately written back to SIMS 7. This benefits schools in the following ways:

1

Time savings

Any information entered into SIMS Next Gen is immediately reflected in SIMS 7. This eliminates delays and streamlines administrative processes.

2

Optimised back-office operations

Administrators can efficiently perform post-registration tasks and manage student records without waiting for data updates.

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Seamless workflow

Schools can seamlessly transition between the two systems confident that the data will be there where they need it.
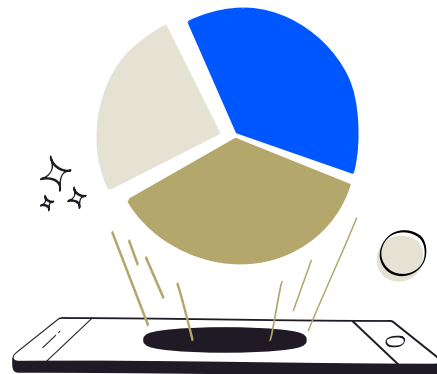
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Data integrity and accuracy

Immediate write-back of data means that the most up-to-date information is always available in SIMS 7 whether this be attendance, pupil or staff data.

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Real-time decision making

Administrators, leaders and teaching staff have instant access to the latest information. This allows for quick decisions and responses to changing conditions.

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We highly recommend schools try SIMS Next Gen if they want to take their registers anywhere, on any device and at lightning speed."

Business Manager, secondary school

On our field trip I was able to do the second lesson register halfway round our tour! Massive win in my book. To do a quick roll call mentally was great, much better than carrying a printed register that could get left on a bench!"

Teacher, independent all through school

Our staff have found Pupil Profile to be very easy to use, it works a treat. It's even stopped the constant knocking on my door asking for phone numbers!"

Business Manager, primary school

Integrating Next Gen with SIMS 7 has been seamless, I've hardly noticed any change."

School Secretary, primary school

SIMS Connected

SIMS Connected is the safest and easiest way for SIMS customers to make the move to the cloud. No disruption. No compromise on features. No data migration issues. No additional training.

Market leading stability and performance. It is an exact replica of your SIMS 7 and FMS on-premises experience in the cloud, with the added benefit of new Next Gen features. With SIMS Connected, teaching and non-teaching staff can access the complete suite of SIMS products, at any time and on any device via a browser.

Secure single sign on

Securely sign into SIMS using your school-authorised Google or Microsoft account, simplifying user account management.

Secure and seamless data migration

Migrate with confidence as your existing SIMS and FMS databases are securely transferred to our cloud hosting platform, ensuring no interruption or data loss.
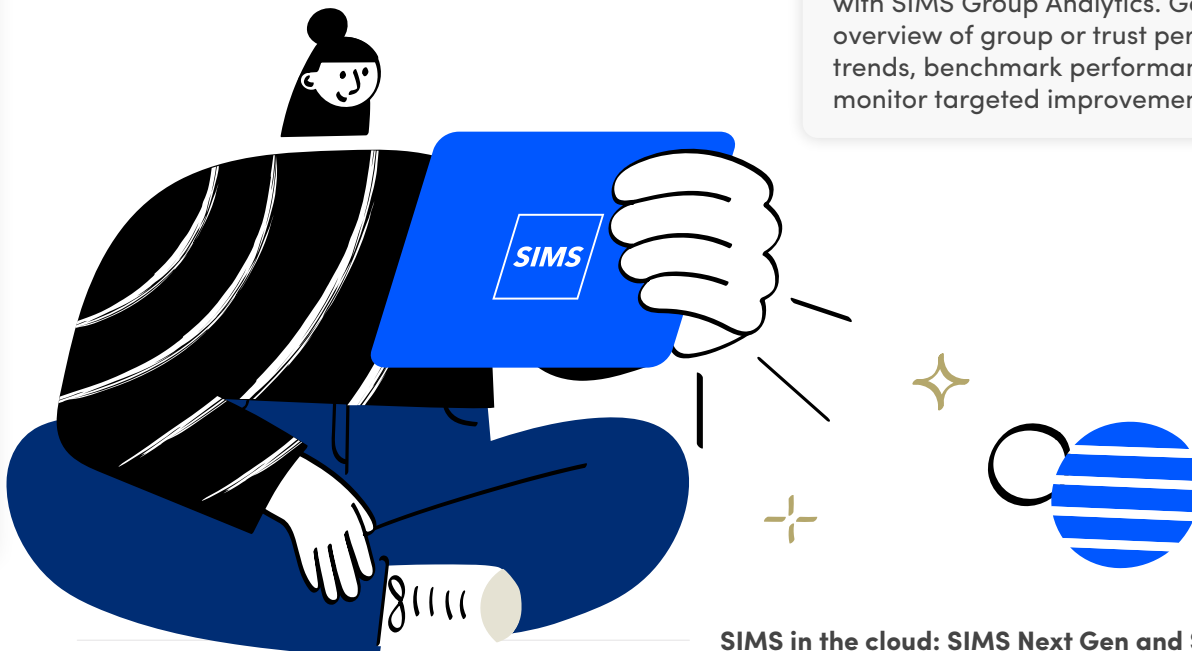
Direct access to expert support

Experience rapid resolution of connectivity and other issues with direct access to our expert team through SIMS Support.

Unlock new insights with powerful data analytics

Monitor pupil performance and make reporting for inspectors and governors a breeze with SIMS Discover, our time saving data analysis tool.

For school groups and MATs, take this further with SIMS Group Analytics. Get a comprehensive overview of group or trust performance to identify trends, benchmark performance, and develop and monitor targeted improvement strategies.

> "Teachers can now access key data such as pupils' health information and parents' contact details quickly and easily wherever they happen to be.
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> They can run data analysis reports too without having to request them from the school office.
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> This alone saves at least seven working hours every week."

School Business Manager, primary school

> "Choosing SIMS Connected was a really easy decision.
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> We needed a cloud-based MIS that could be tailored to the complexity of a Trust like ours, which is exactly what SIMS Connected is.
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> The needs of a growing trust are met through the flexibility and dynamic approach offered by SIMS Connected."
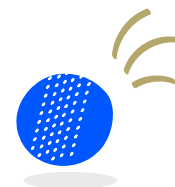
CEO, Multi-Academy Trust

How we keep your data safe

At SIMS, we take data security very seriously – it's our number 1 priority. Our platform takes advantage of leading technologies, and our team of security experts provide comprehensive monitoring.

We are certified to ISO 27001 (Security) and ISO 9001 (Quality) standards by our UKAS accredited certification body.

Plus, SIMS benefits from the cutting-edge security infrastructure of Microsoft Azure. All this means you can be confident that with SIMS you have a tried and trusted cloud hosting environment that ensures the utmost safety and confidentiality of your data.

Get started with SIMS in the cloud today.

Want to make the move to SIMS Connected or start using SIMS Next Gen?

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