SIMS

Learn more about SIMS today, SIMS in the cloud and SIMS Next Gen…

North Tyneside Schools

December 2023

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Agenda

SIMS Next Gen; evolution not revolution

SIMS Connected; anytime, anywhere, browser-based access to the whole SIMS suite of products

SIMS & FMS... did you know?

Q&A

SIMS Next Gen
& SIMS Connected

SIMS today

The MIS of choice for teachers, senior leaders and wider school staff across the UK and beyond.

- **Market leading MIS since 1984**
- **Over 15.5k schools rely on SIMS everyday**
- **Supporting 1 million teachers and school administrators from over 40 countries**
- **Managing the learning records of over 7 million children**

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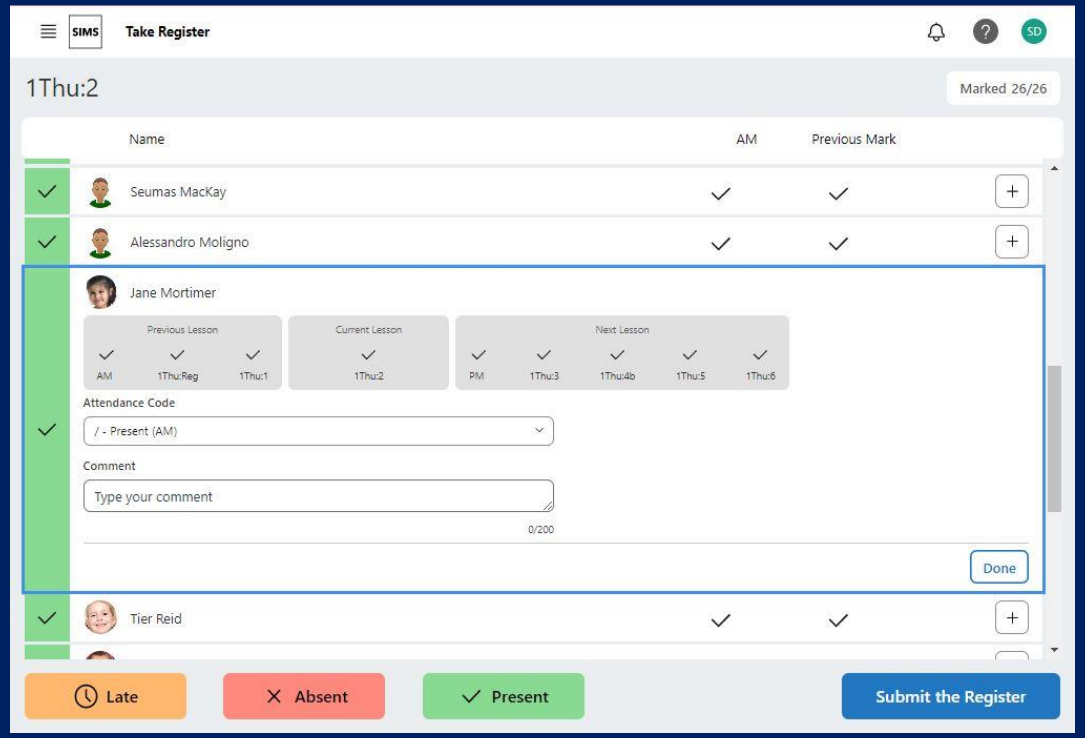
Introducing

A continuous and multi-year programme of customer driven innovation adding value to your existing investment in SIMS



Building on the success of SIMS and the incredible choice and value it delivers to customers

SIMS Next Gen

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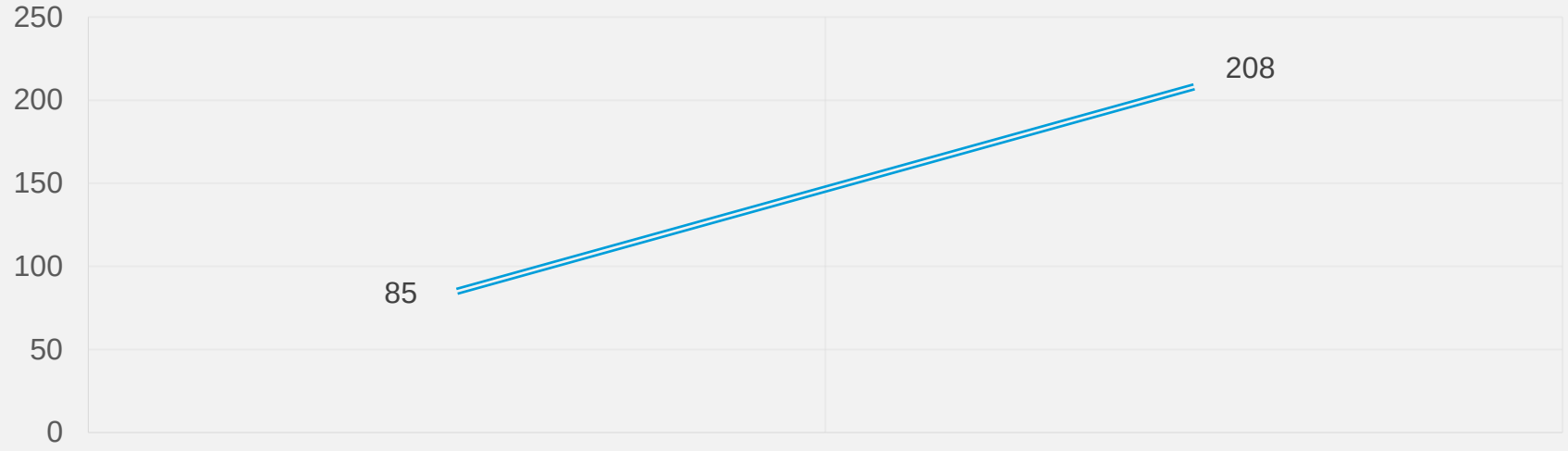
Market defining investment

As part of our £40m investment in SIMS, since 2022 we have almost tripled the number of people moving Next Gen forward.



Cross-Functional Teams

Product and development experts passionate about SIMS

Supported by a huge pool of MIS and education software expertise

Backed by a leadership team committed and invested in the business

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Welcome to SIMS' Eco System

We are continuously evolving to further improve the experience, performance, and value our software brings to customers every day. One SIMS, three options – all available today.

SIMS 7

The most widely used and functionally complete school MIS in the UK.

Provides the tools to efficiently manage daily school life and drive improvement in learner outcomes.

SIMS Connected

Anytime, anywhere, browser-based access to the whole SIMS suite of products.

A complete replica of your on-premise experience.

Log-in with cloud logins and access SIMS and FMS just like any other cloud MIS.

SIMS Next Gen

A continuous programme of delivery building on the unrivalled breadth and depth of existing SIMS functionality.

Taking the best bits of SIMS, stripping out complexity and delivering enhanced cloud-based functionality, plus a brand-new user-experience. A very exciting future for SIMS.

Innovation without disruption

The SIMS Next Gen programme will move at pace but feel seamless for schools

Rapid, feature-rich deployment

Brand-new, intuitive and tailored user experience

Purely cloud-based: anywhere, anytime access

Fast, flexible access to your existing data

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Change when you're ready

Most users here

Most usage here

SIMS Next Generation

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SIMS 7 (cloud) via SIMS Connected

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SIMS 7 (on premise)

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2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 | Future

Shaped by you

Customers are at the heart of SIMS Next Gen and we're continuously developing the priorities of the programme to ensure they match yours

Plenty of opportunities to help shape the future of SIMS:

- Customer & user interviews
- Usability testing
- Early adopter programme
- Research surveys

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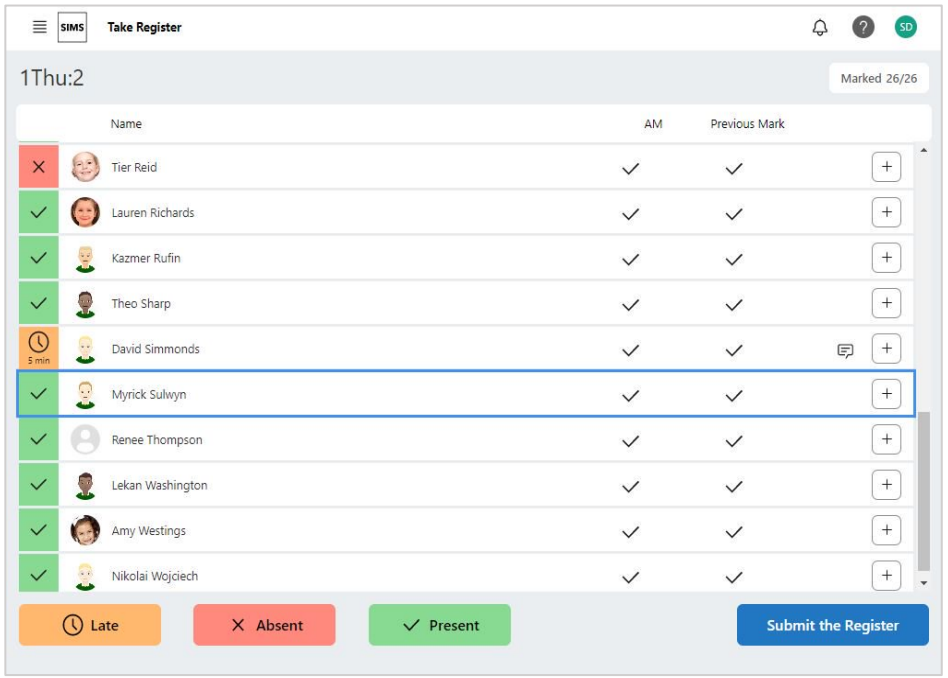
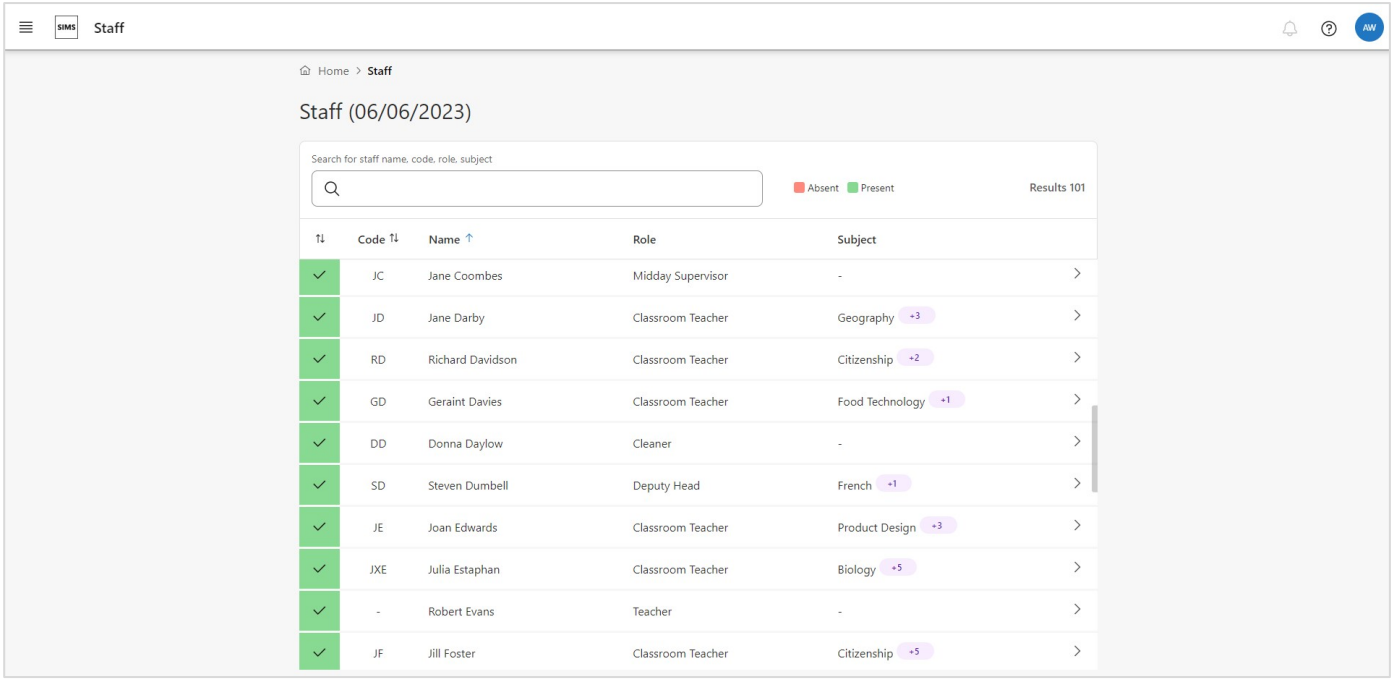
Demonstration time

Time to see SIMS Next Gen in action!





The future of school MIS.

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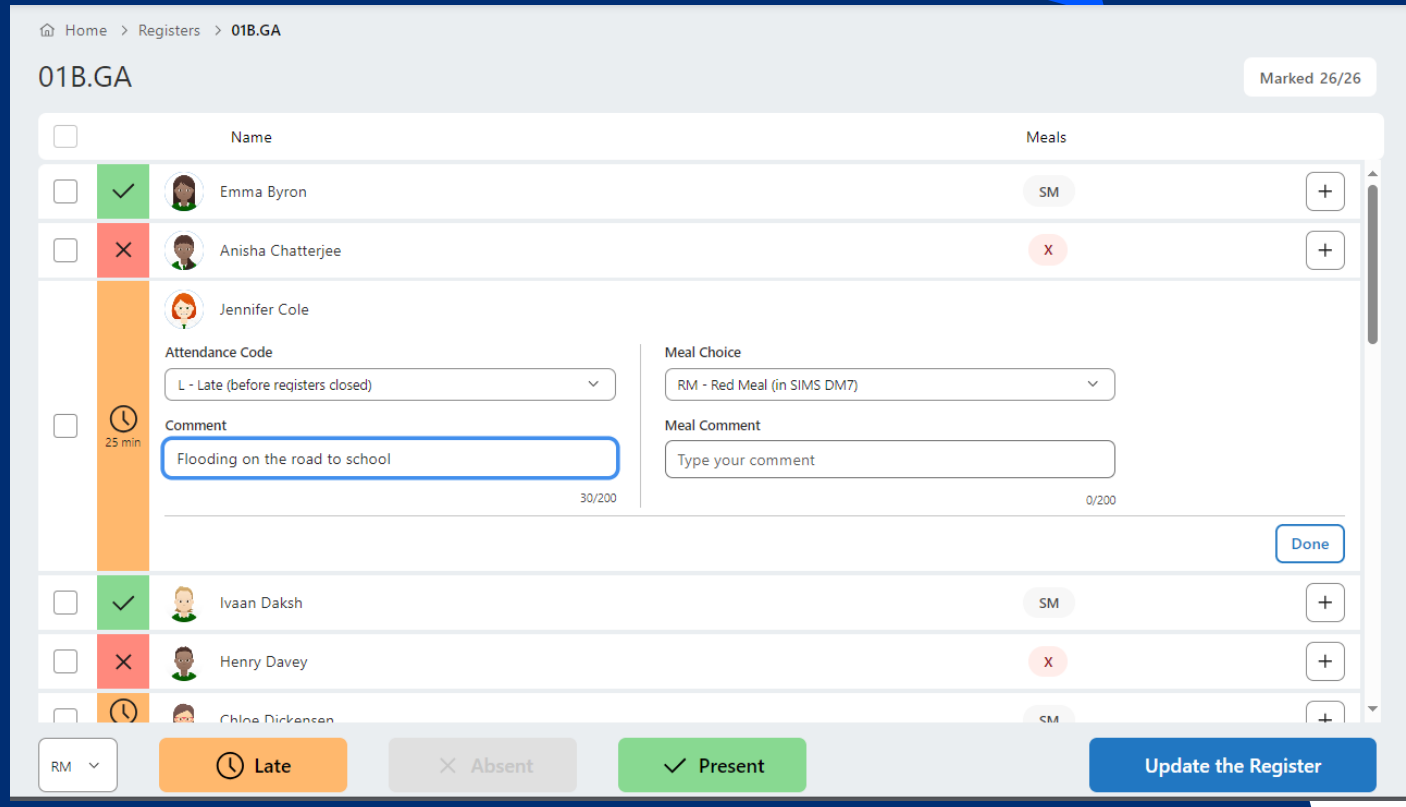
SIMS Take Register

Over 1,000 users taking the register daily

Supporting teachers by simplifying one of their key classroom tasks

With just a few clicks, teachers can capture and edit attendance from anywhere, on any device

With faster registration, teachers can focus on what they do best...teach



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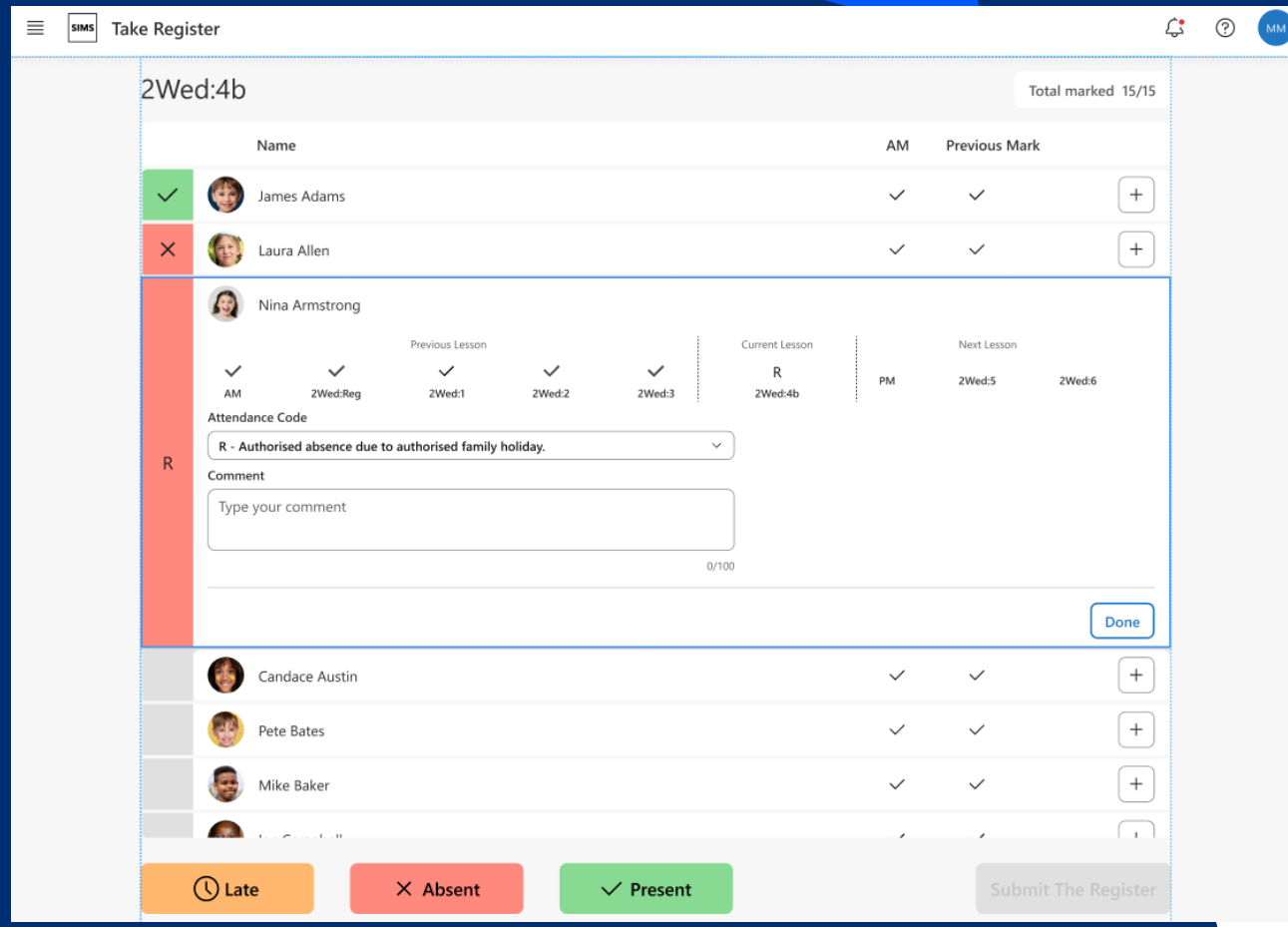
SIMS Lesson Registers

Teachers can complete their lesson registers anywhere, on any device, at any time

Use the keyboard to input school level attendance codes and accurately track and monitor attendance patterns

New to SIMS features include enhanced scrolling and comments in the ‘minutes late’ pop-up



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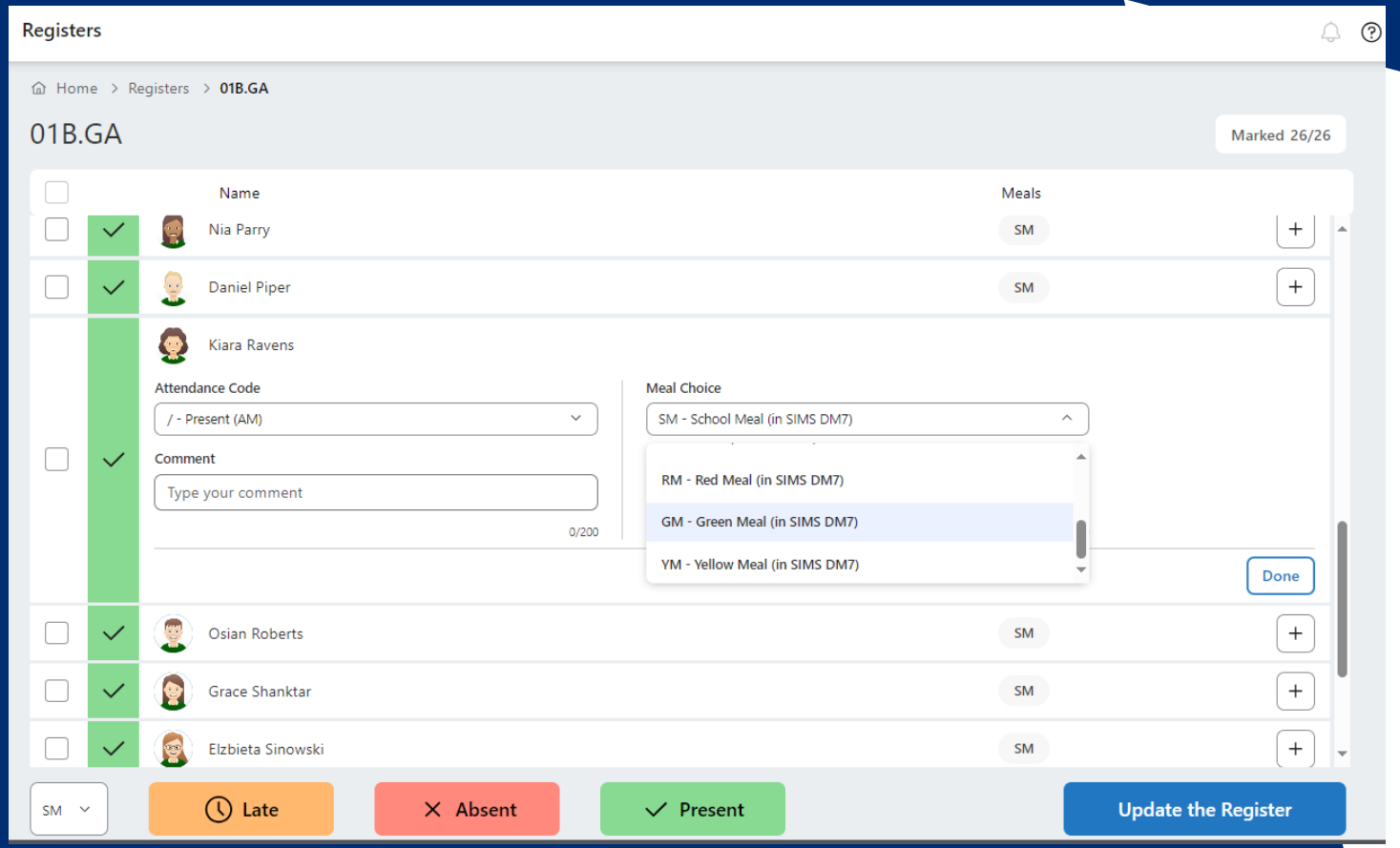
Meal Registers

Teachers can add/edit meal choices while taking the am session register

Synchronises with meal choices in SIMS7

Available to SIMS Dinner Money Customers September 2023.



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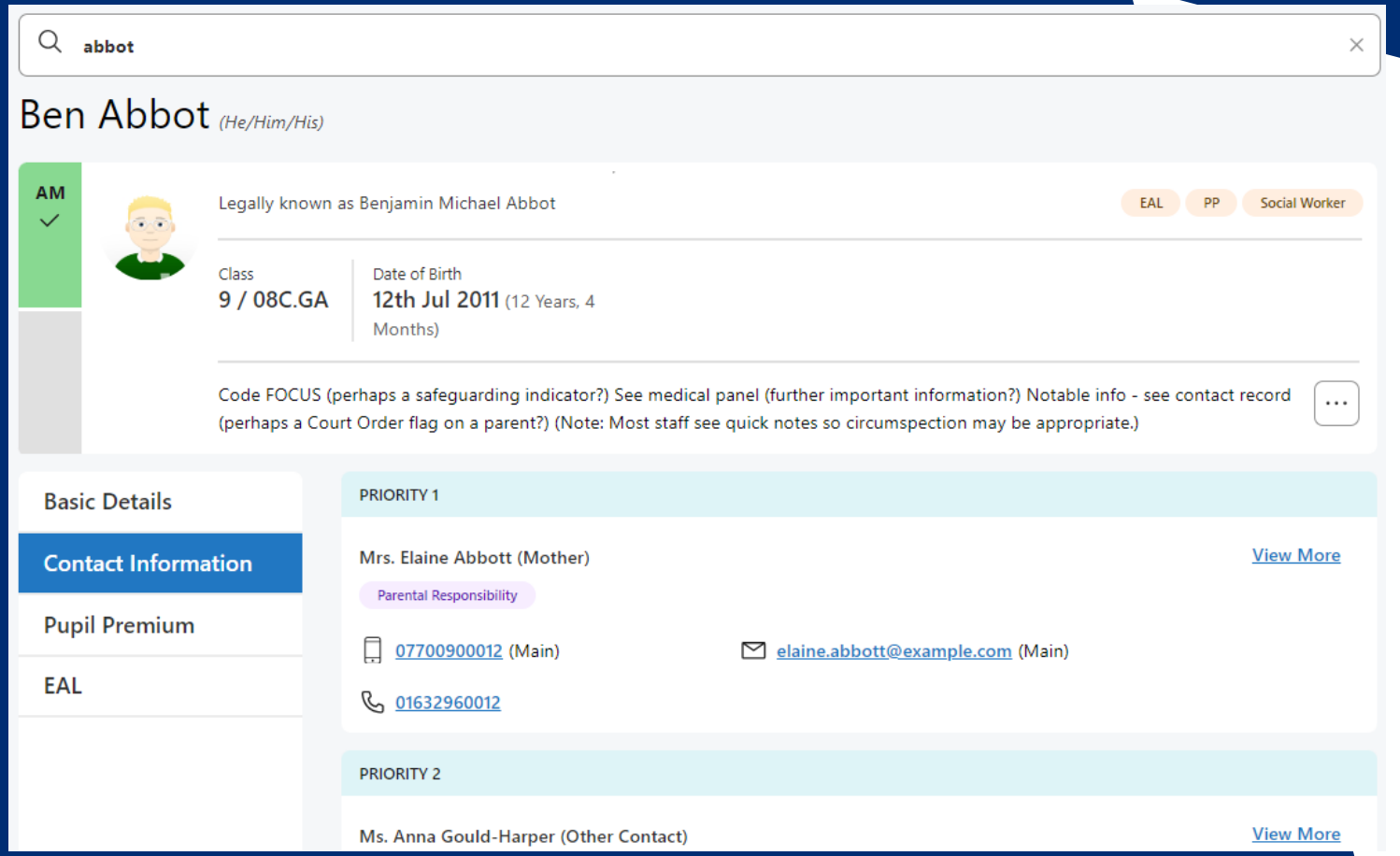
SIMS Pupil Profile

1,000+ pupil searches in the last month

Helping school users self-serve and maximise their ability to find the information they need

Immediate access to parent and guardian information at multiple levels, when school staff need it

Making it easier to provide timely support to their students



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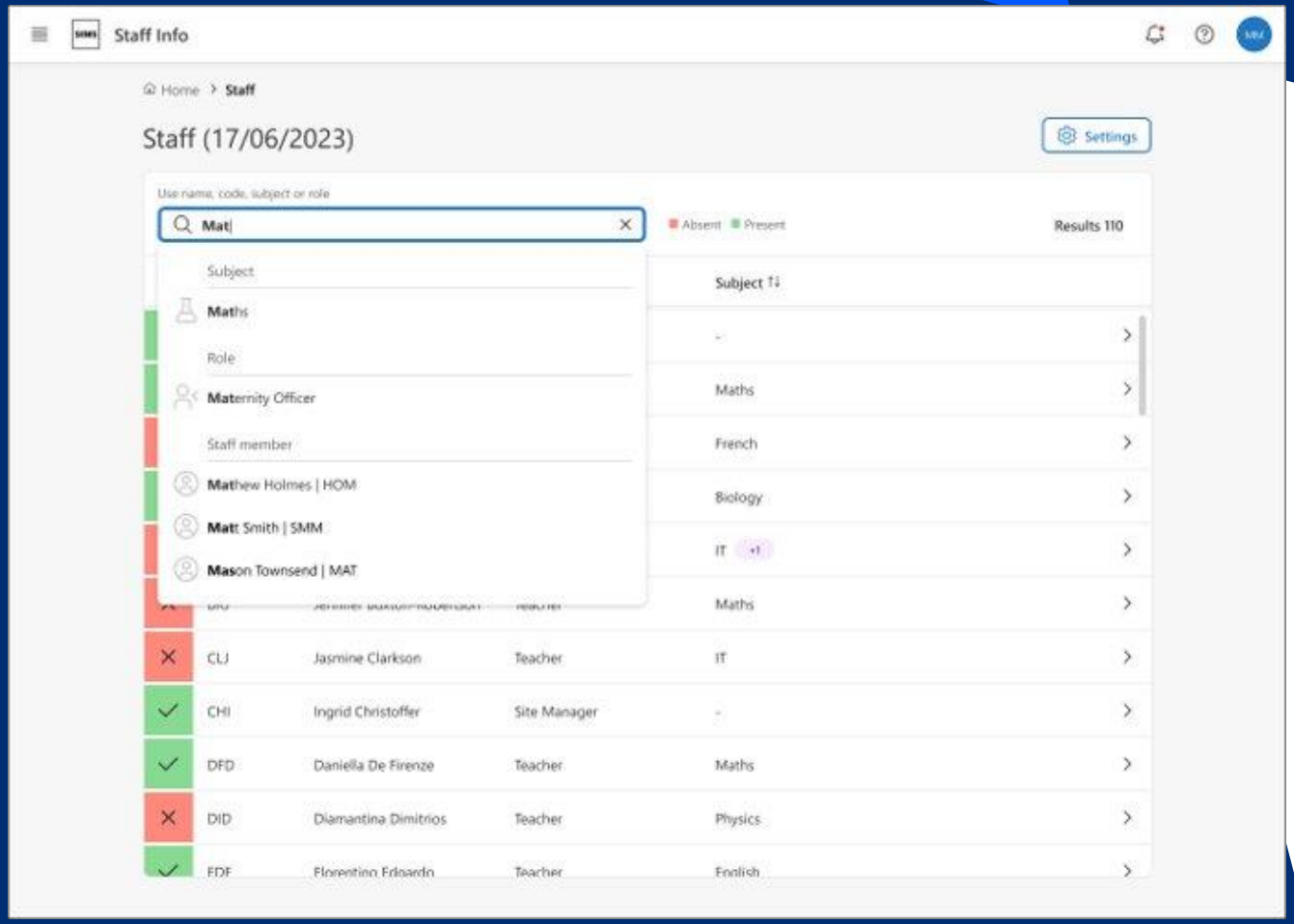
SIMS Staff Profile

A one-stop shop for all information on staff members

Search for staff based on roles or subjects they teach.

Maintain both public information (non-sensitive) including, role, responsibilities or working patterns, as well as personal details, like contacts and addresses, from a single place.

Immediately identify all staff members currently absent or present.



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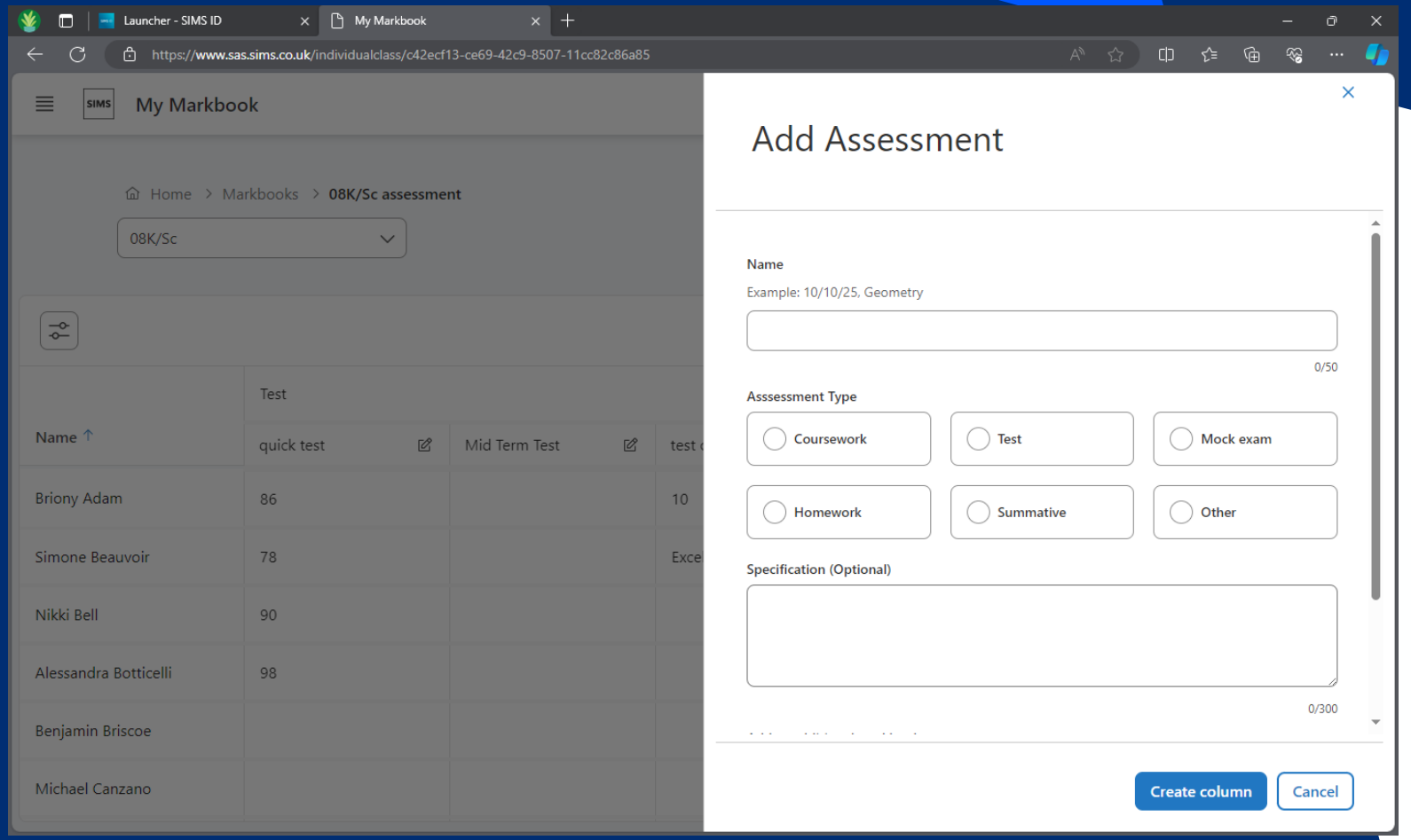
A fast, intuitive way for teachers to record their own assessments - all in one place.

Anywhere, anytime access

Requires no setup or management from assessment co-ordinators or data managers



SIMS Custom Groups

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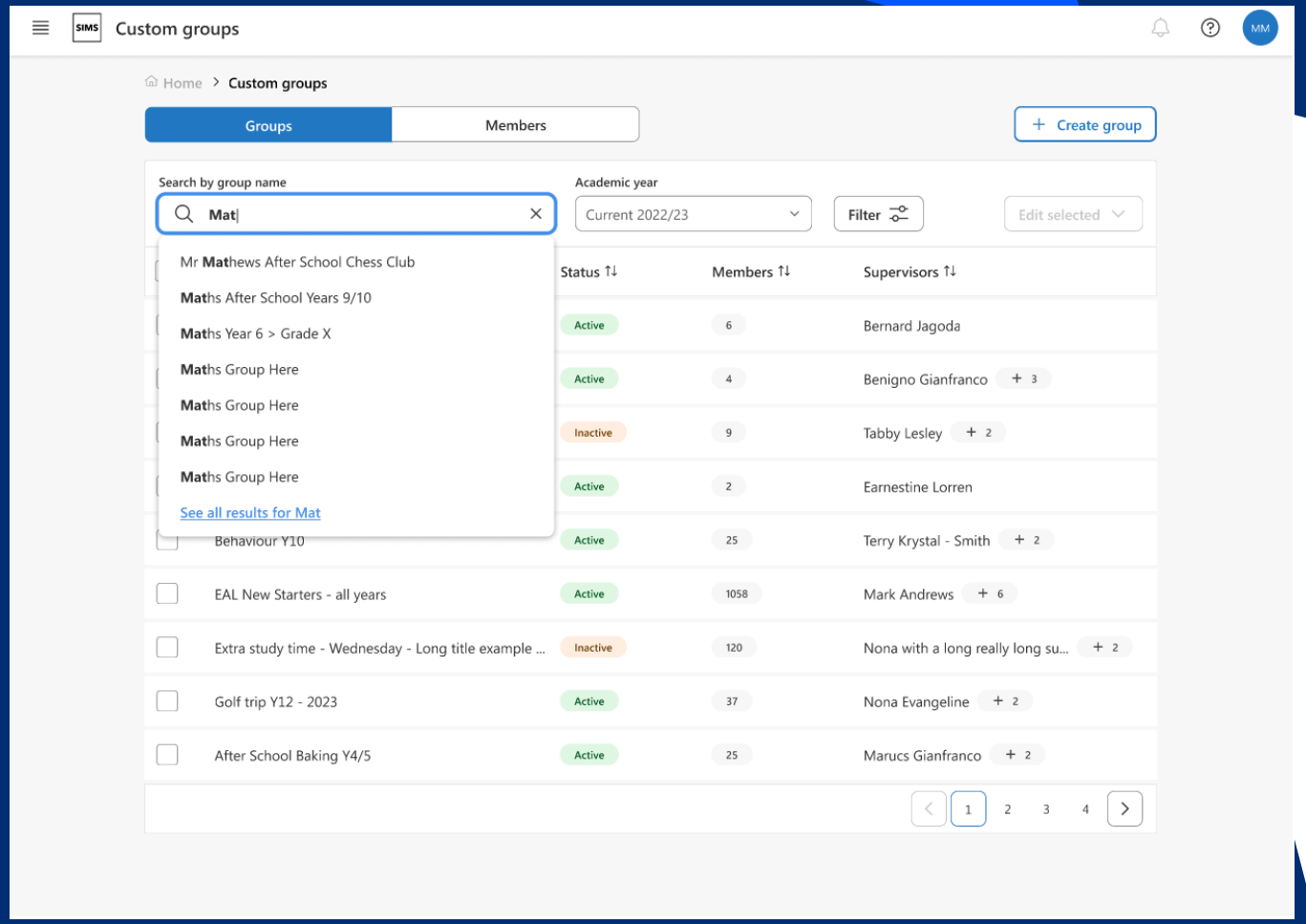
Live now with Early Adopters

Coming in the Autumn Term 2023/24

Search, edit and create Custom Groups to help you find a specific custom group(s) quickly

Manage, monitor and report on a user-defined cohort of pupils or staff

Supports bulk editing of groups, advanced search and filter capabilities



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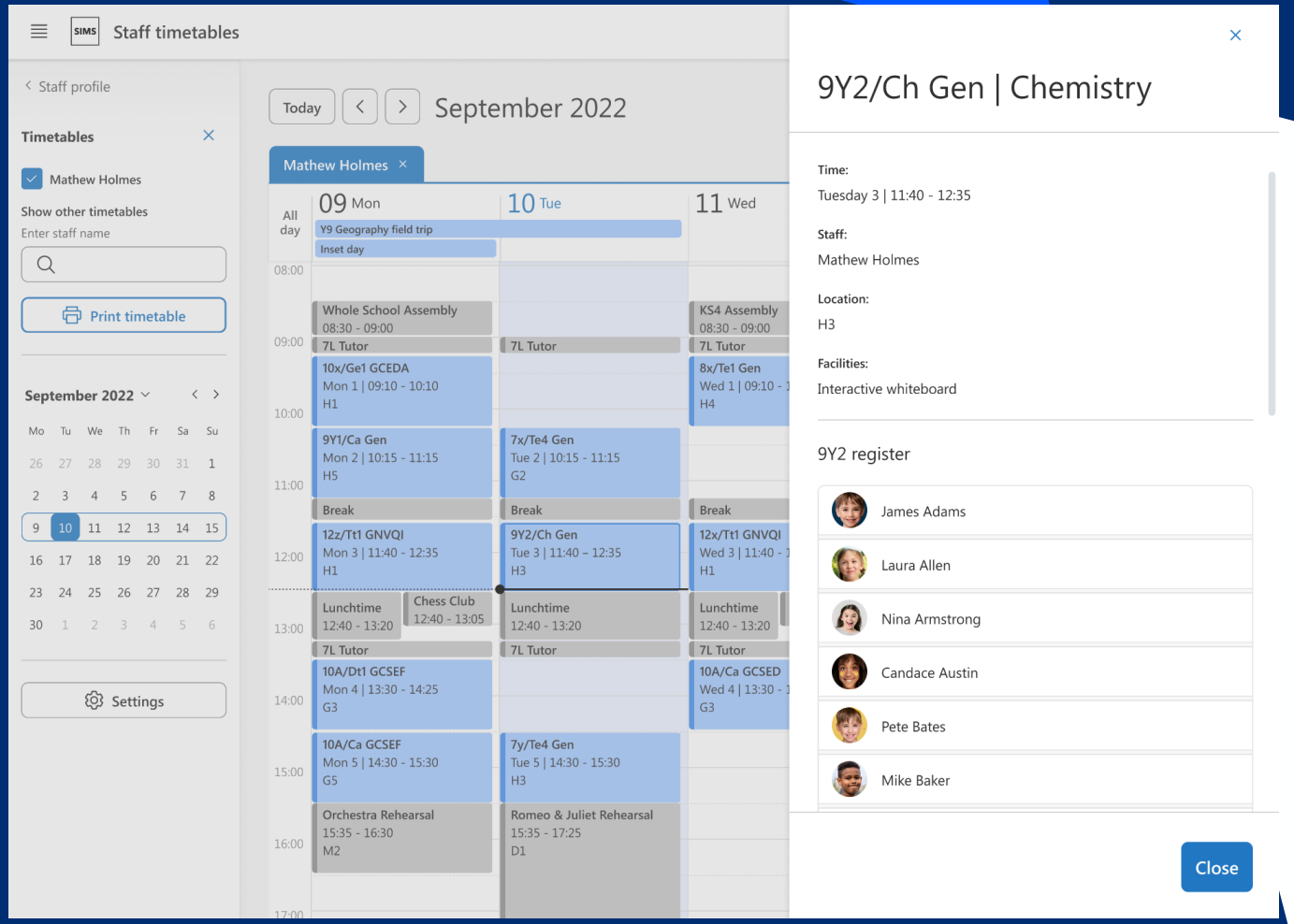
SIMS Staff Timetable

Coming in the Autumn Term 2023/24

Staff can coordinate meetings and collaborate more effectively with colleagues by searching and viewing their timetables

Teachers can stay organised and on top of their daily tasks by viewing their own timetable

Teachers can personalise their timetable by associating colours with lessons



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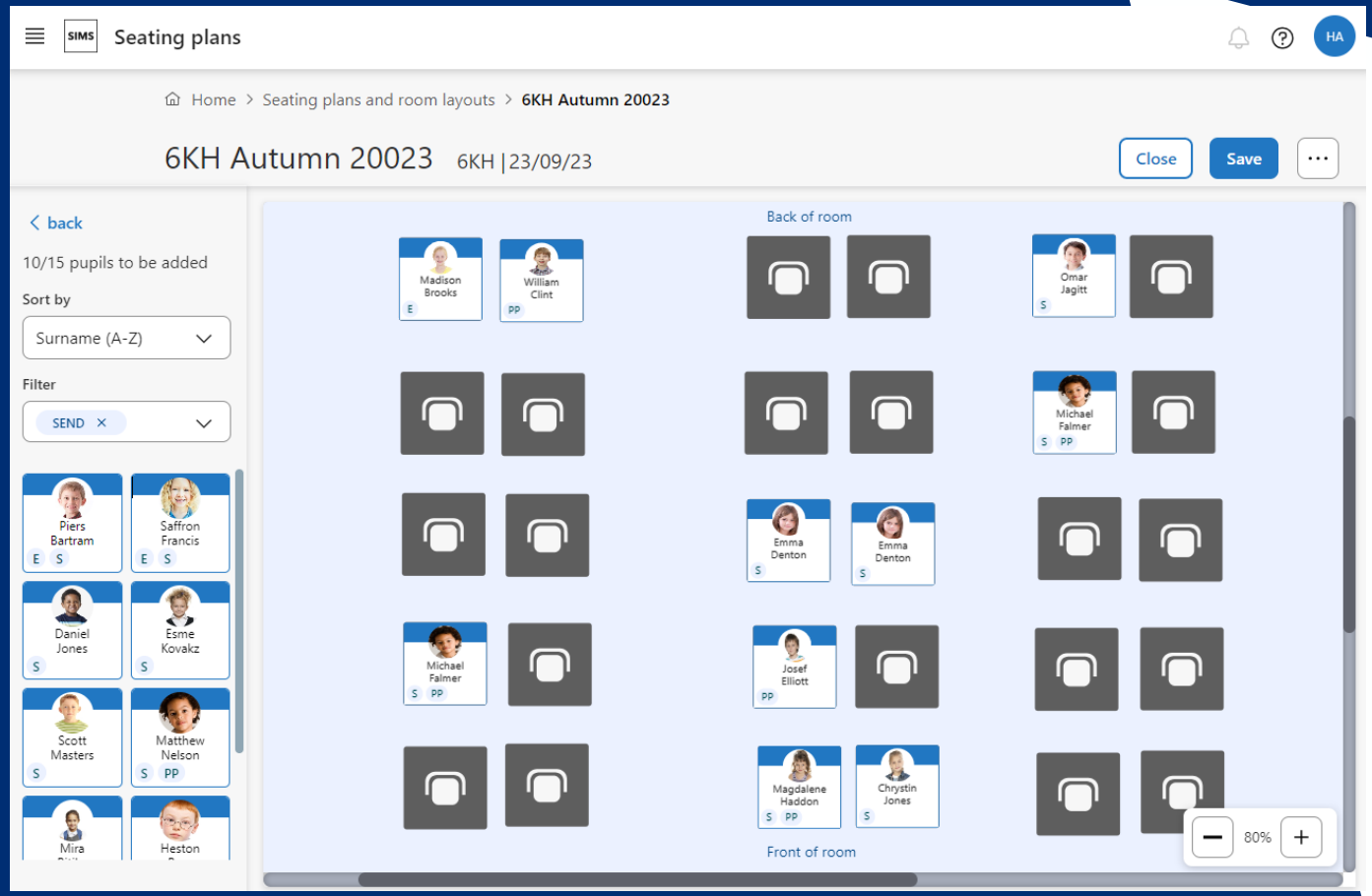
SIMS Seating Plans

Early Adopter in the Autumn Term 2023/24

Teachers can create effective and well-informed seating plans

Organise the class to optimise each pupil's opportunity for learning

Meet the changing requirements of each class and support pupils in reaching their full potential



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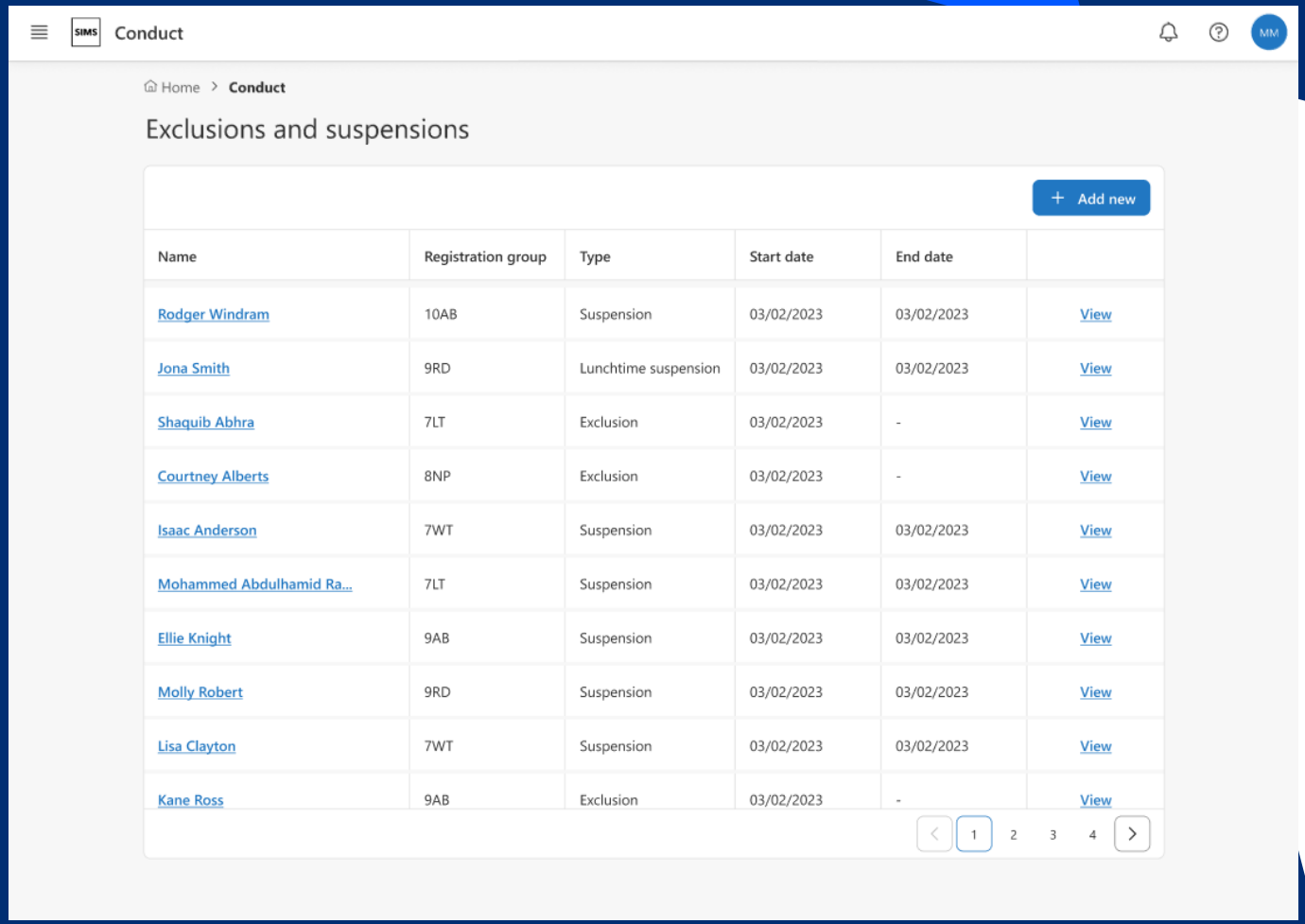
SIMS Exclusions and Suspensions

Coming in the Autumn Term 2023/24

A quick and easy-to-follow wizard approach to recording exclusions and suspensions data.

At each step of the process, you'll be presented with only the information you need, enabling you to input information accurately and efficiently, streamlining your workflow and saving you time.



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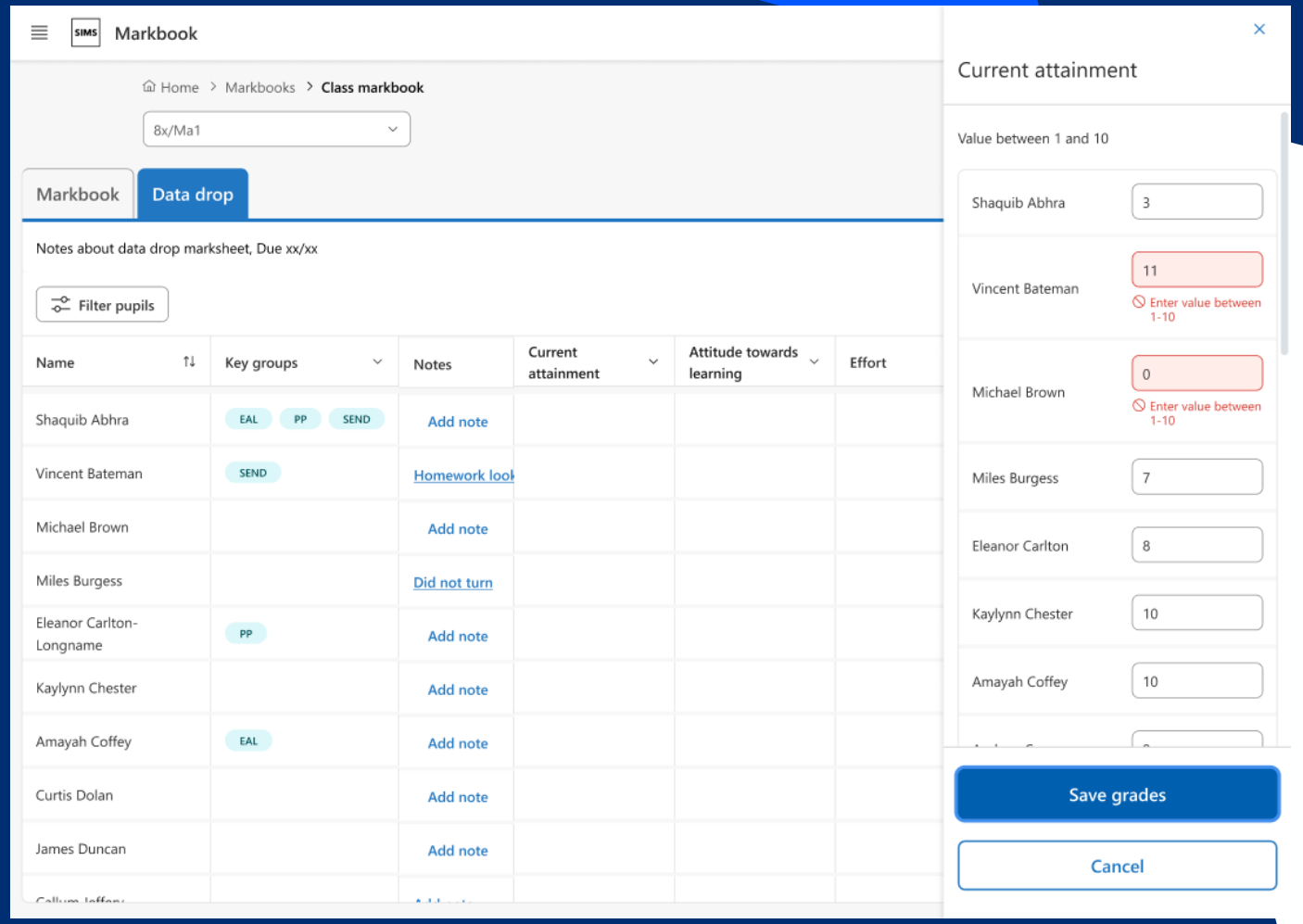
SIMS Online Marksheets

Coming in the Autumn Term 2023/24

- Adding to the functionality of teacher's Markbooks.
- Data Managers can choose specific marksheets from SIMS7 to be viewed in SIMS Next Gen.
- Teachers can add, edit and delete results from their SNG Online Marksheet which then synchronises with SIMS7.
- Data Managers can continue to manage their reporting and analysis activities from SIMS7.



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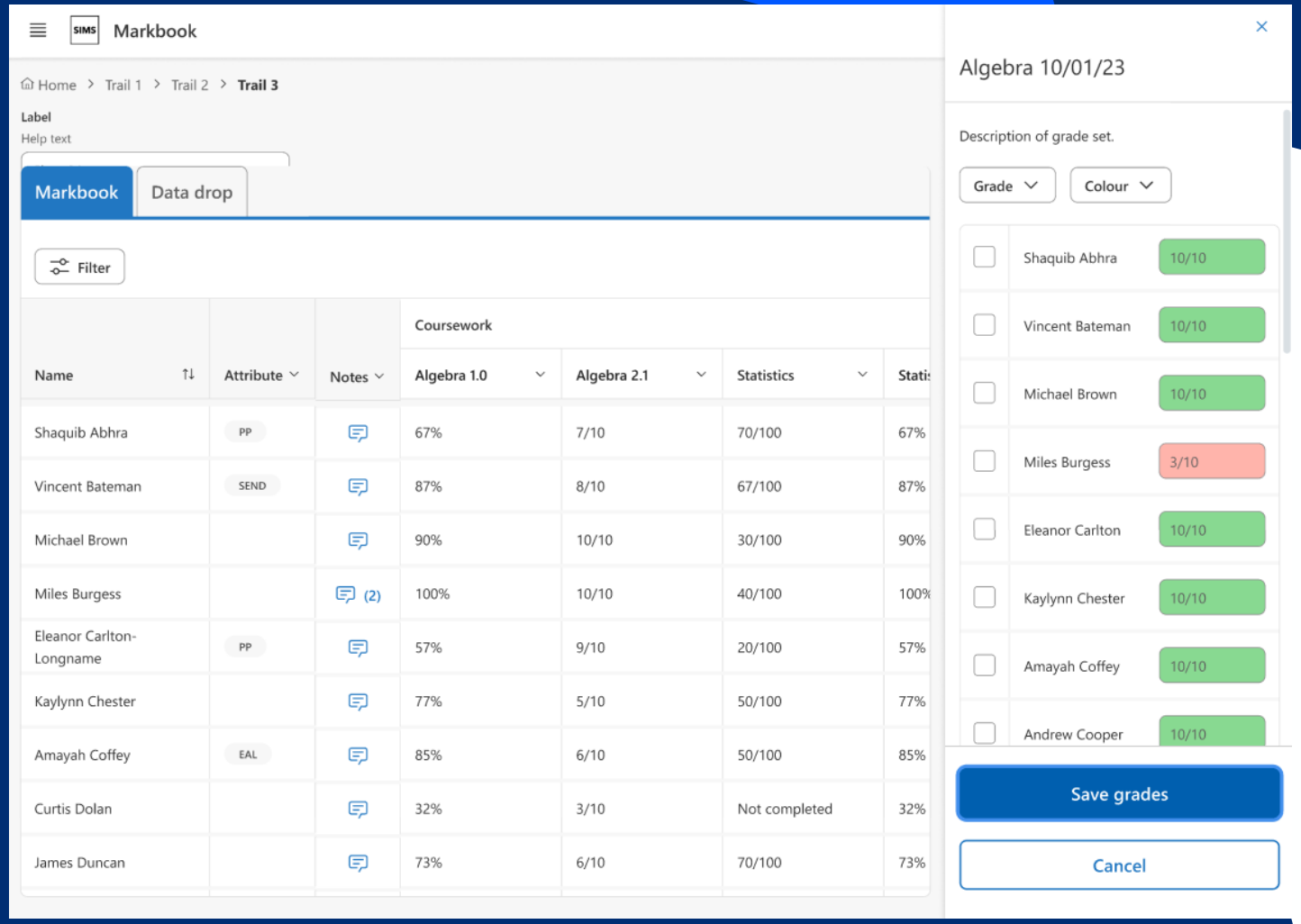
SIMS My Markbook Improvements

Coming in the Spring Term 2023/24

Feedback from early adopters has helped shape the following updates for My Markbook:

- See contextual data (SEND, PP, EAL)
- Filter by contextual data and can filter by categories and columns
- Add notes on assessments
- Add grades for multiple pupils at once
- Reorder columns
- Colour code results



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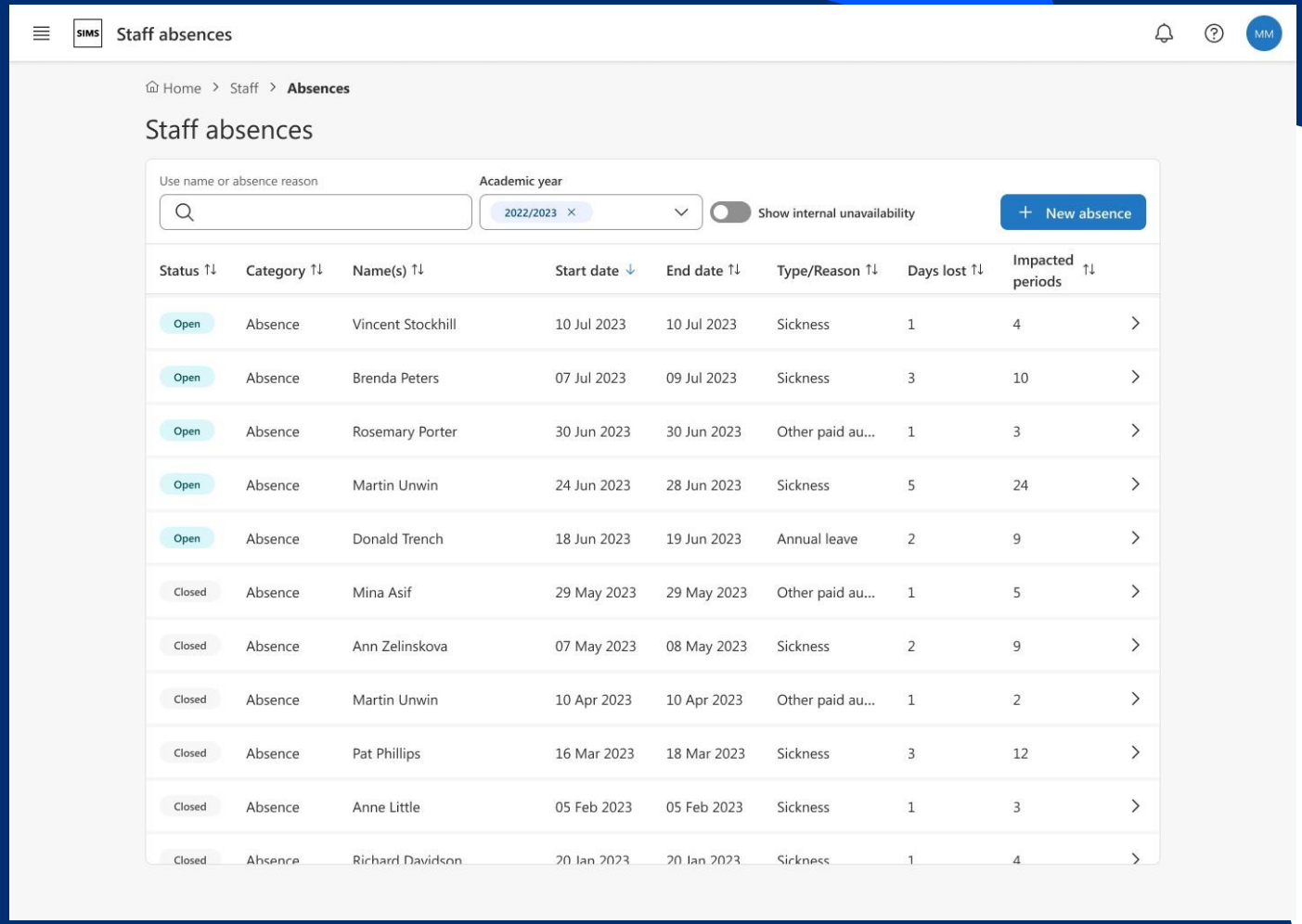
SIMS Staff Absences

Early Adopters Q1 2024

Check all absence records across the school in one place, with all key information at the forefront.

Search and filter based on staff, absence type or time-period.

Create new or update staff absences from a single place.



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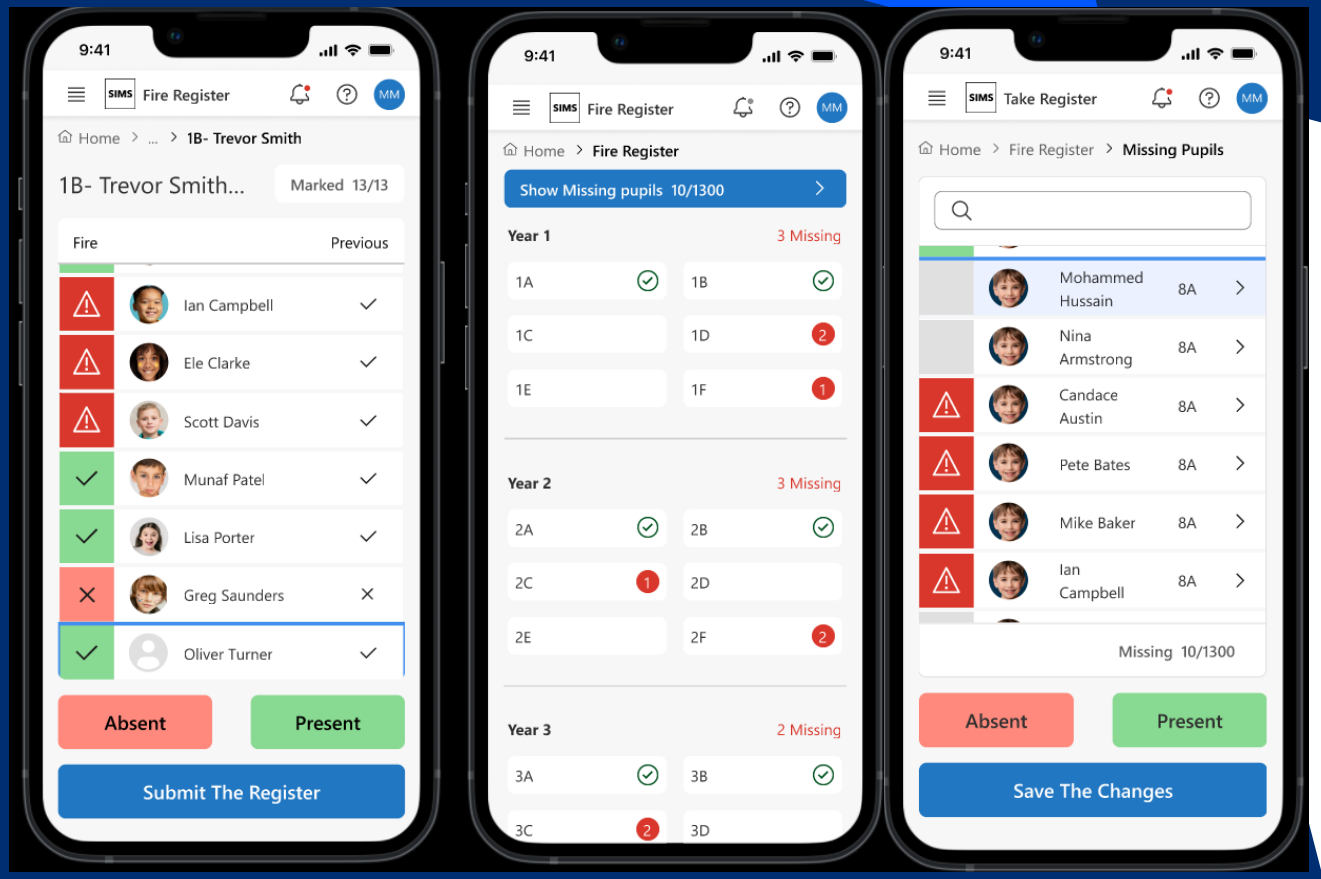
SIMS Fire Registers

Coming in Spring 2024

Fire registers – tablet/mobile

Shows pupils who are in school and expected to be evacuated.

Fire Officer/Admin school view of missing pupils



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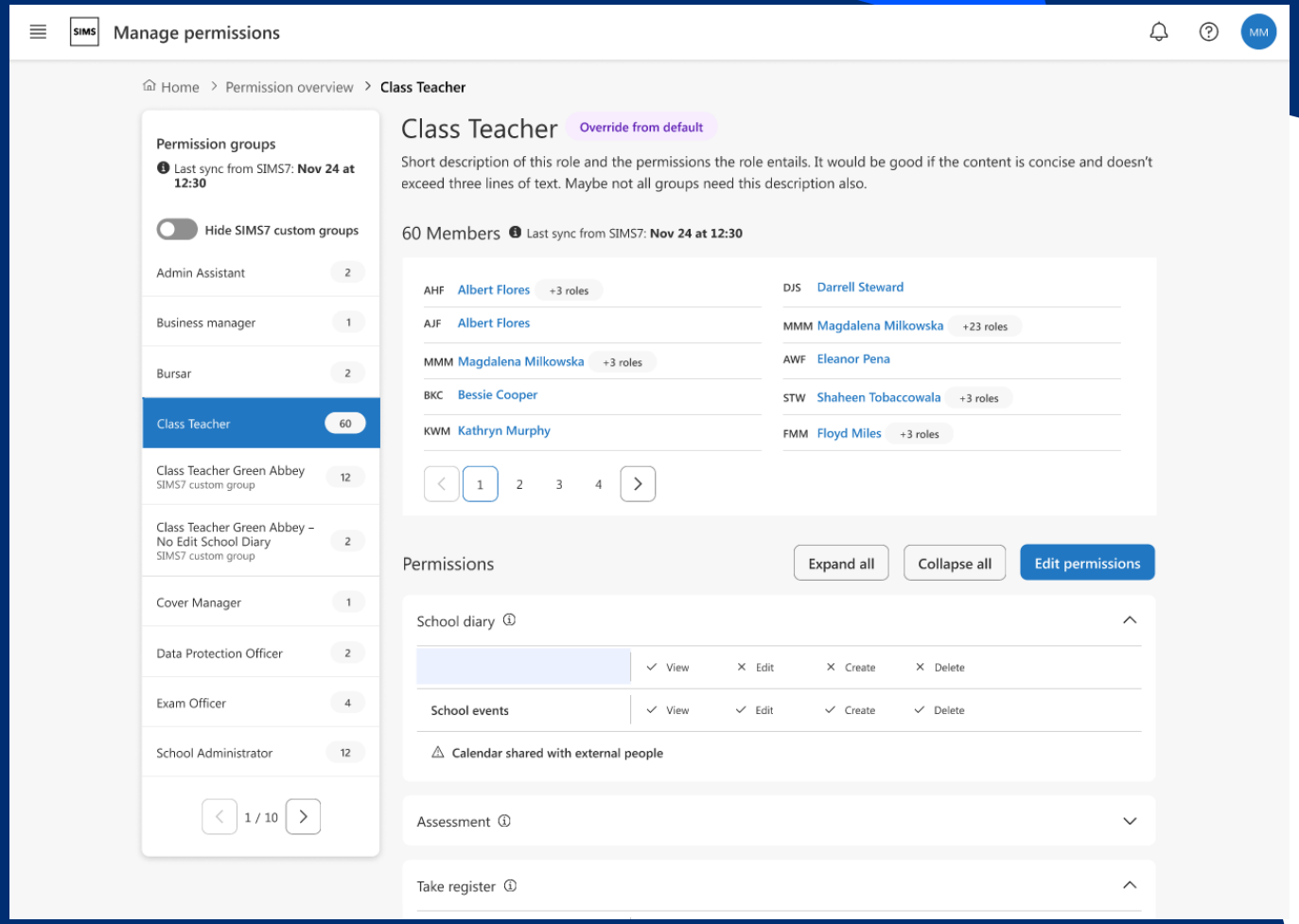
SIMS Manage Permissions

Future initiative

System Managers can view, edit and manage permissions for each permission group

System managers can easily view members of each permission group to ensure that only the right staff can view specific information or perform a task



Here’s what our customers say…

“Teachers took to taking registers from their mobile devices with no issues at all.”

Neil Wright – Halton Schools

“The cover teacher said it was so simple to use, and easy to select the correct class that she was teaching in that day.”

Kealey Broddle – Ruardean School

“Next Gen offers more information at a glance when compared to ****, without the need to click through as many menus.”***

Richard Hopkins – Dartford Grammar School for Boys

“Our staff have found the Pupils Contacts functionality very easy to use, it works a treat. It's even stopped the constant knocking on my door asking for phone numbers!”

Danny Stenhouse – Heygarth Primary School

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Priorities for SIMS Next Gen

Your feedback is central to SIMS Next Gen and we’re continuously developing our priorities to ensure they match the needs of your school.

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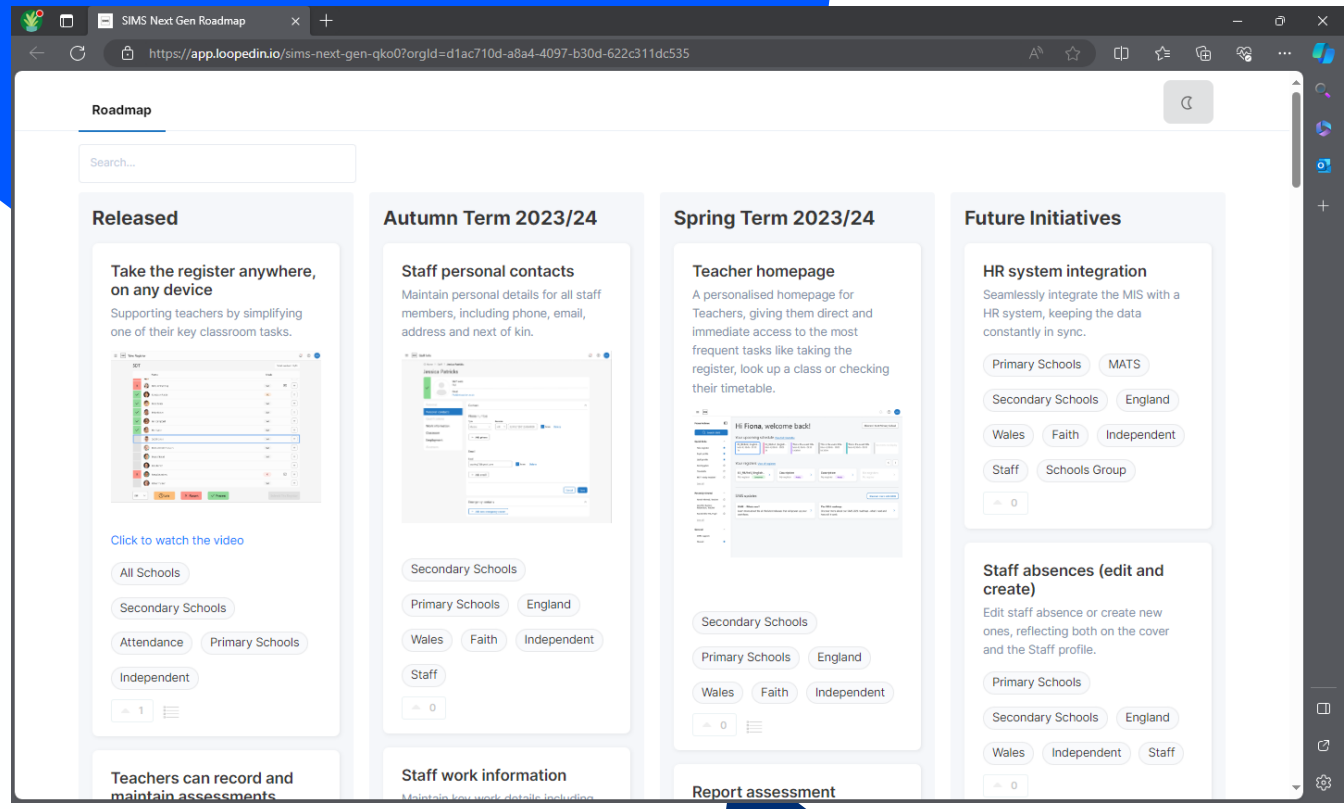

Next Generation Roadmap

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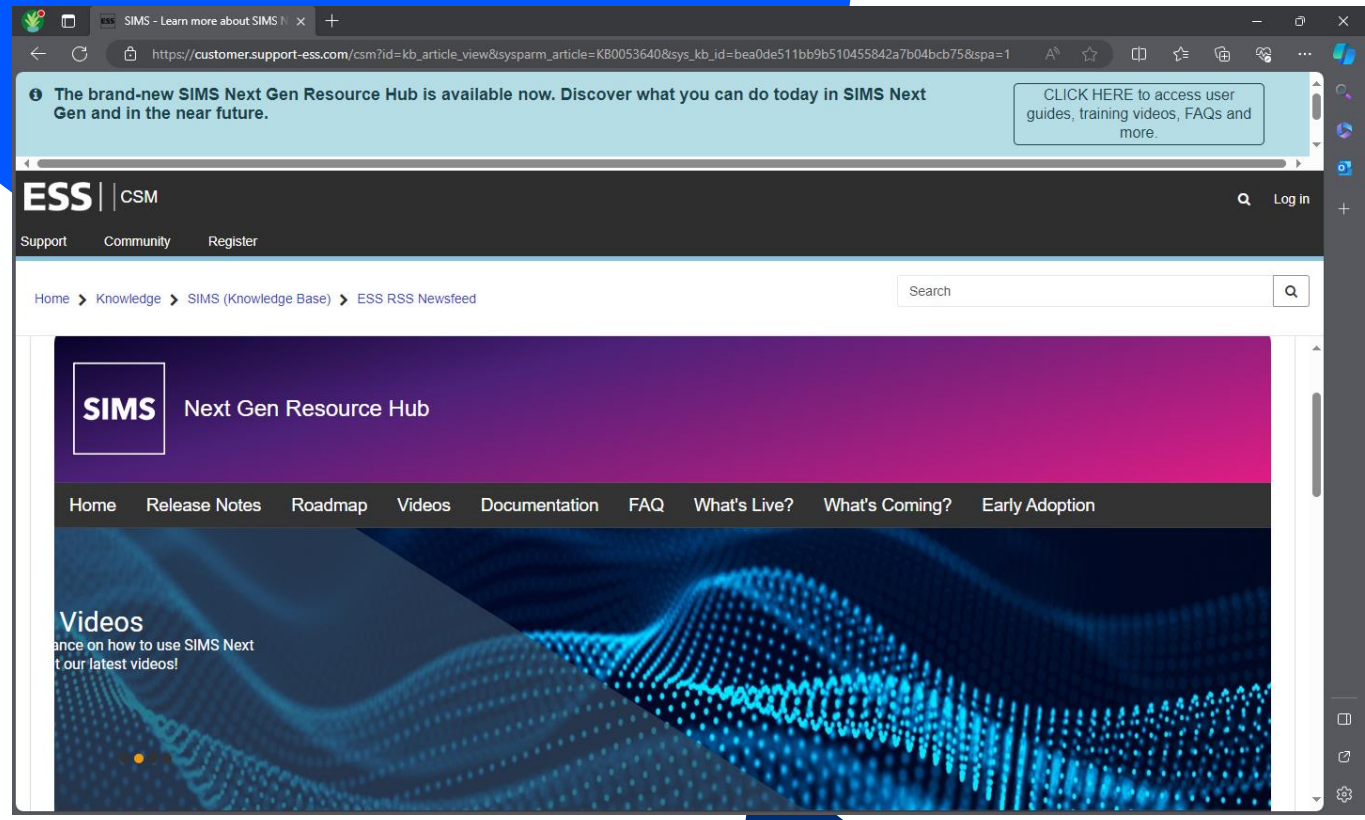

Next Generation Resources

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Cloud & Multiplatform

Classic SIMS 7

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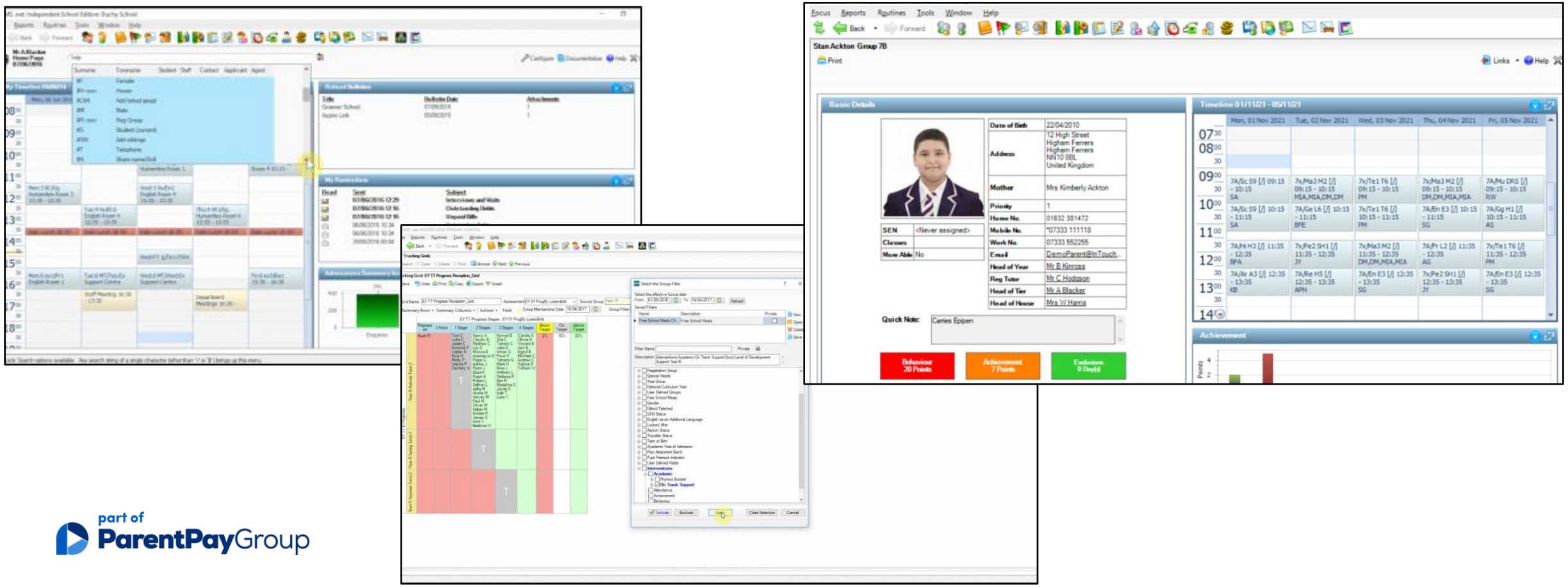
A new flexible web-based solution enabling you to access the SIMS you are familiar with.



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SIMS Connected – browser-based, flexible access to SIMS in the cloud

Access anytime, any where

Designed for a hybrid world

Simple, speedy, reliable web-access to SIMS and all the information you need

Seamless user experience

Helps make work easier for all

Through the cloud, SIMS Connected delivers better access via a browser and management of data

Unlimited no. of users

Immediate access for new users

Our simple subscription model ensure all users are covered

Full data security

Safe and secure in our private cloud

Guarantees business continuity through protection of school data from security threats

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Available for use in range of devices

Your staff will be able to access SIMS via most internet-connected devices including Windows, MAC OSX, iOS, Google Chromebooks and Android.

So whether it's PC, laptop or tablet, they'll be ready to use SIMS however they wish.

SIMS Connected – key advantages

Your existing SIMS and FMS databases **securely transferred** to a CoLo cloud hosting platform

All backups and future upgrades **securely managed and maintained** by ESS

Technical Phone Support included with access to customer success portal and knowledge base

Secure single sign on with SIMS ID to simplify user account management

Availability guaranteed by Service Level Agreement

Ability to **link any 3rd party software** currently used to SIMS and FMS

Access to SIMS Discover, our powerful data analysis tool

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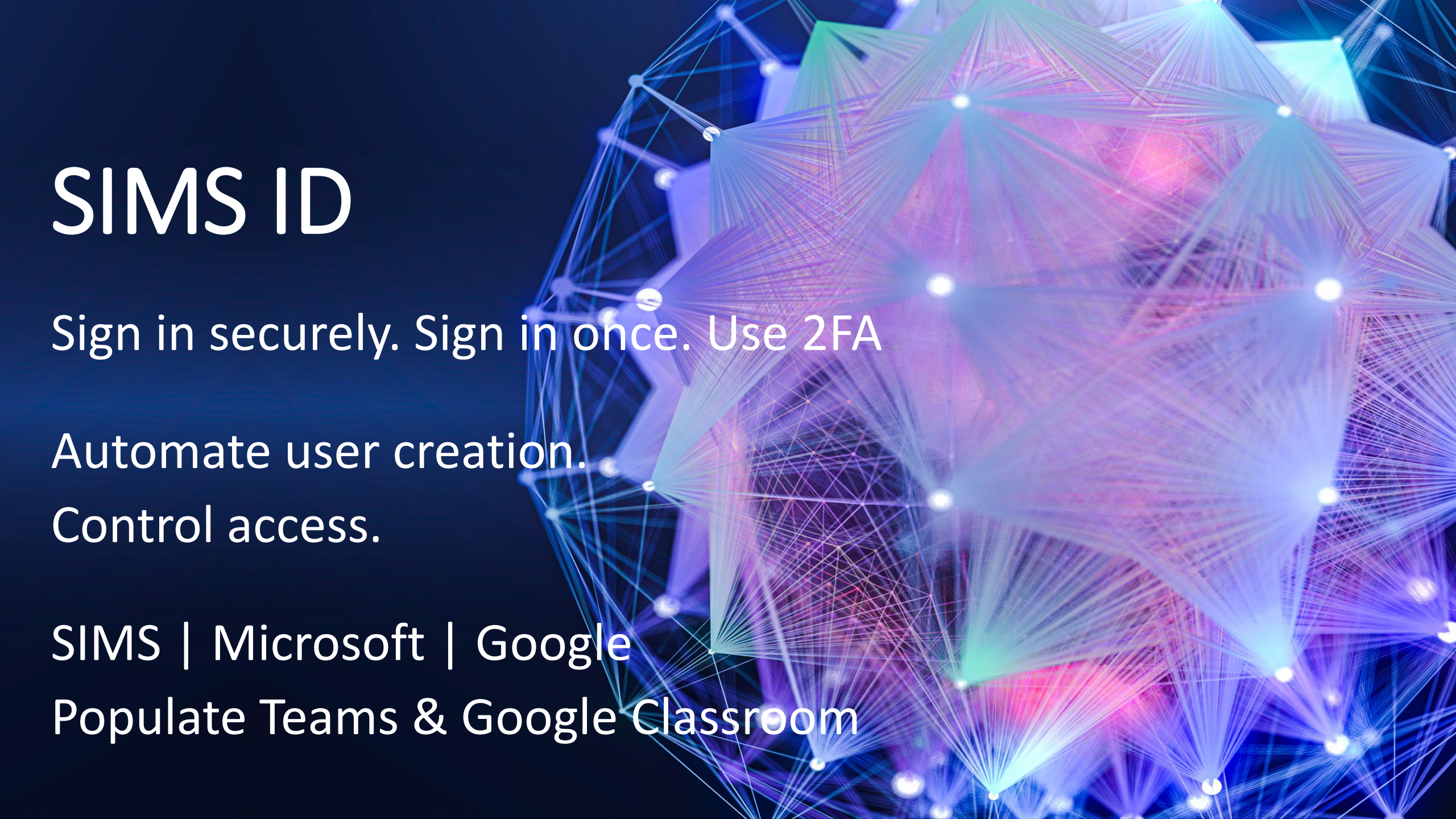
SIMS ID

Sign in securely. Sign in once. Use 2FA

Automate user creation.
Control access.

SIMS | Microsoft | Google
Populate Teams & Google Classroom



Live Demonstration

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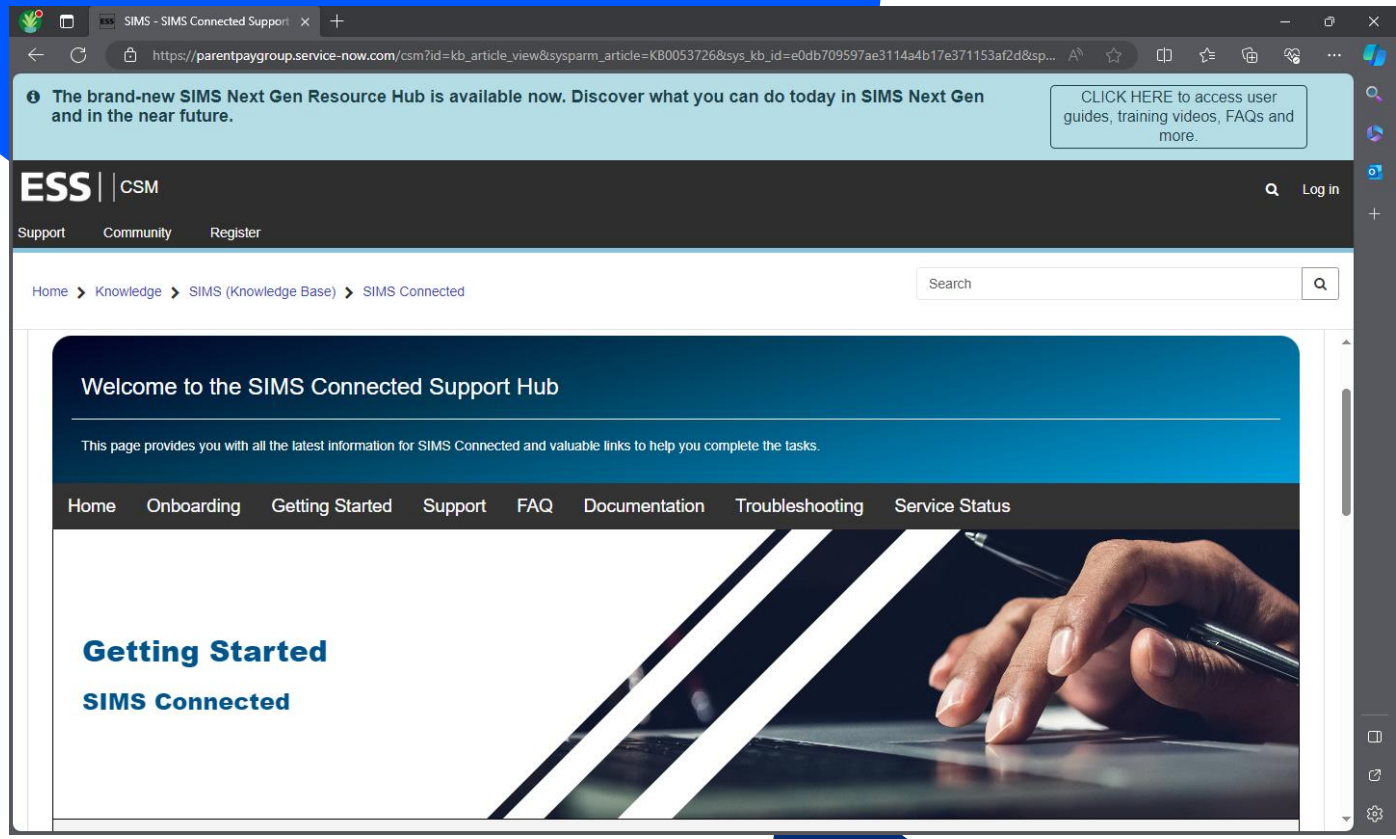

SIMS Connected Resource Hub

https://parentpaygroup.service-now.com/csm?id=kb_article_view&sysparm_article=KB0053725

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SIMS & FMS...

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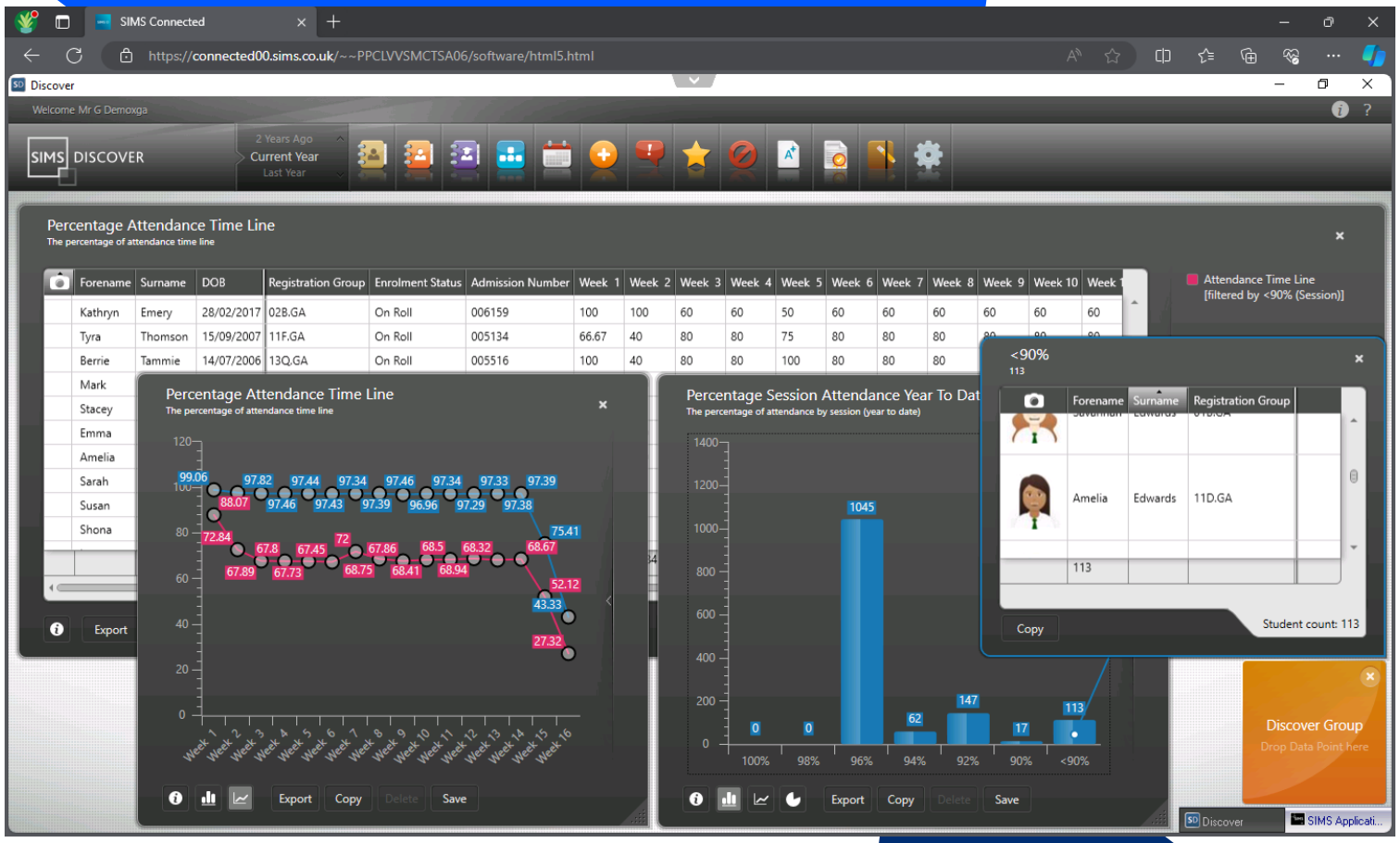
Discover ?

- Bar Charts & Venn Diagrams
- Dynamic Groups; be alerted when something has changed
- Identify and monitor low attenders
- Use Discover groups on your SIMS Home page



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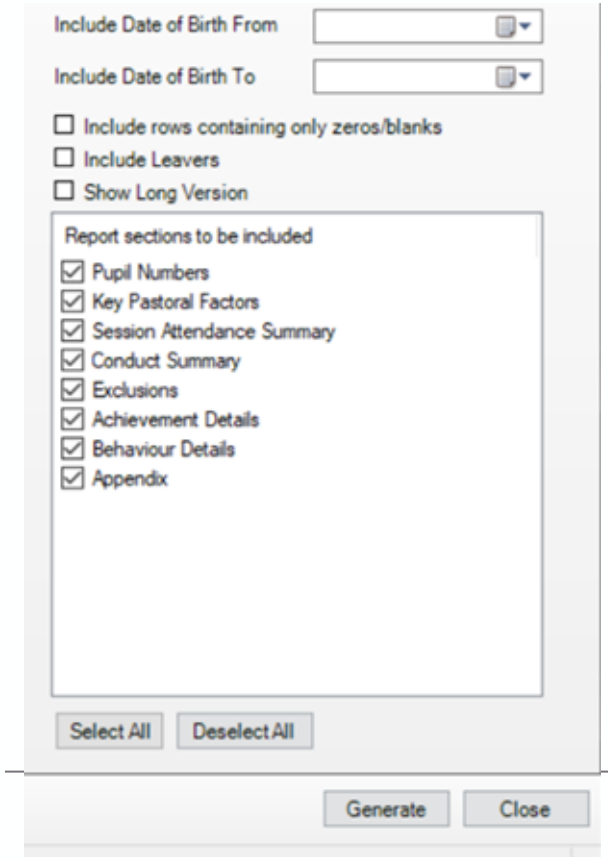
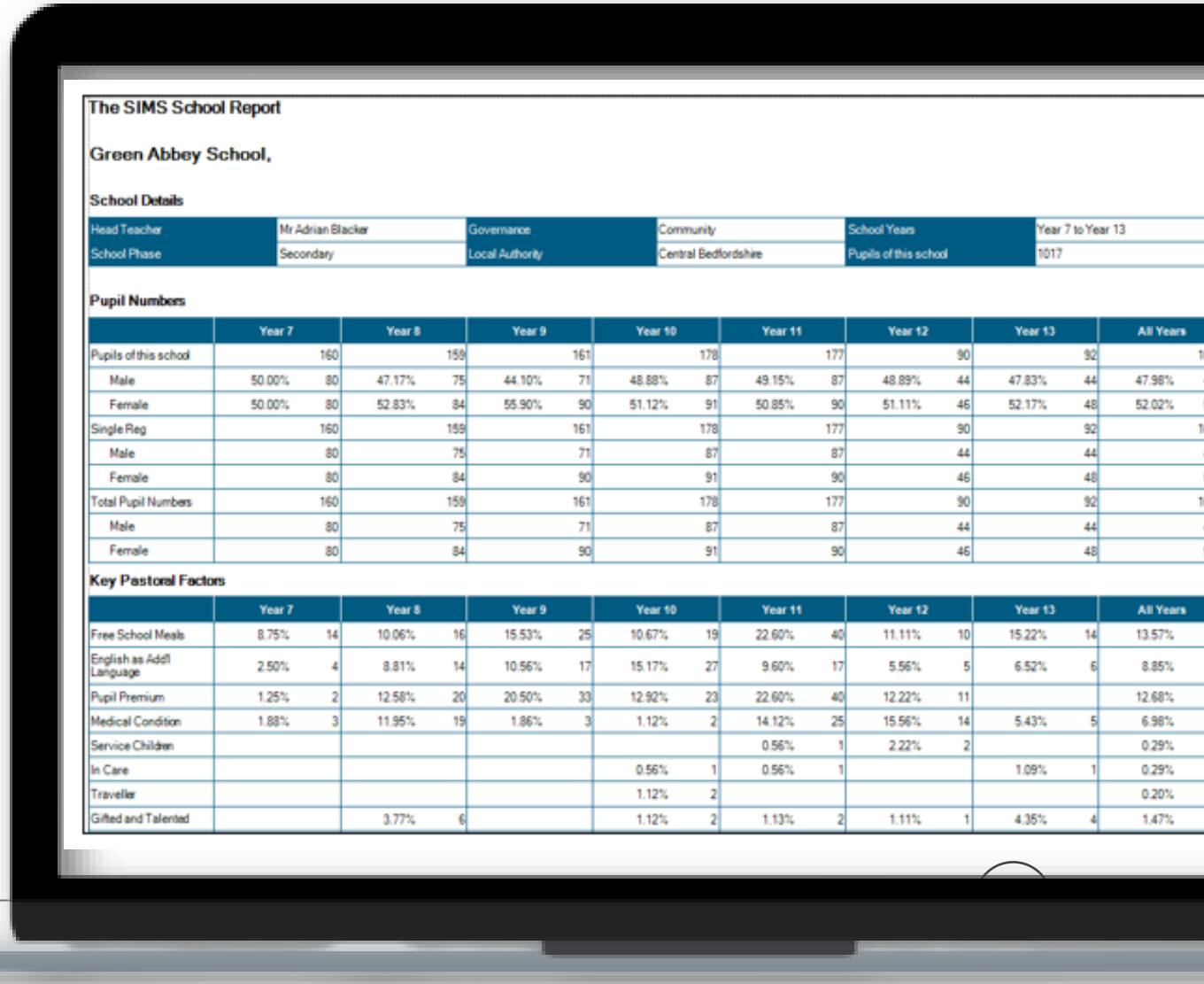
School Report

Enables the monitoring of key measures in the school.

Customise the report output by including or excluding specific measures





The SIMS School Report

Green Abbey School,

School Details

Head Teacher	Mr Adrian Blacker	Governance	Community	School Years	Year 7 to Year 13
School Phase	Secondary	Local Authority	Central Bedfordshire	Pupils of this school	1017

Pupil Numbers

	Year 7		Year 8		Year 9		Year 10		Year 11		Year 12		Year 13		All Years
Pupils of this school		160		159		161		178		177		90		92	1
Male	50.00%	80	47.17%	75	44.10%	71	48.88%	87	49.15%	87	48.89%	44	47.83%	44	47.98%
Female	50.00%	80	52.83%	84	55.90%	90	51.12%	91	50.85%	90	51.11%	46	52.17%	48	52.02%
Single Reg		160		159		161		178		177		90		92	1
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Female		80		84		90		91		90		46		48	

Key Pastoral Factors

	Year 7		Year 8		Year 9		Year 10		Year 11		Year 12		Year 13		All Years
Free School Meals	8.75%	14	10.06%	16	15.53%	25	10.67%	19	22.60%	40	11.11%	10	15.22%	14	13.57%
English as Addl Language	2.50%	4	8.81%	14	10.56%	17	15.17%	27	9.60%	17	5.56%	5	6.52%	6	8.85%
Pupil Premium	1.25%	2	12.58%	20	20.50%	33	12.92%	23	22.60%	40	12.22%	11			12.68%
Medical Condition	1.88%	3	11.95%	19	1.86%	3	1.12%	2	14.12%	25	15.56%	14	5.43%	5	6.98%
Service Children									0.56%	1	2.22%	2			0.29%
In Care							0.56%	1	0.56%	1			1.09%	1	0.29%
Traveller							1.12%	2							0.20%
Gifted and Talented			3.77%	6			1.12%	2	1.13%	2	1.11%	1	4.35%	4	1.47%

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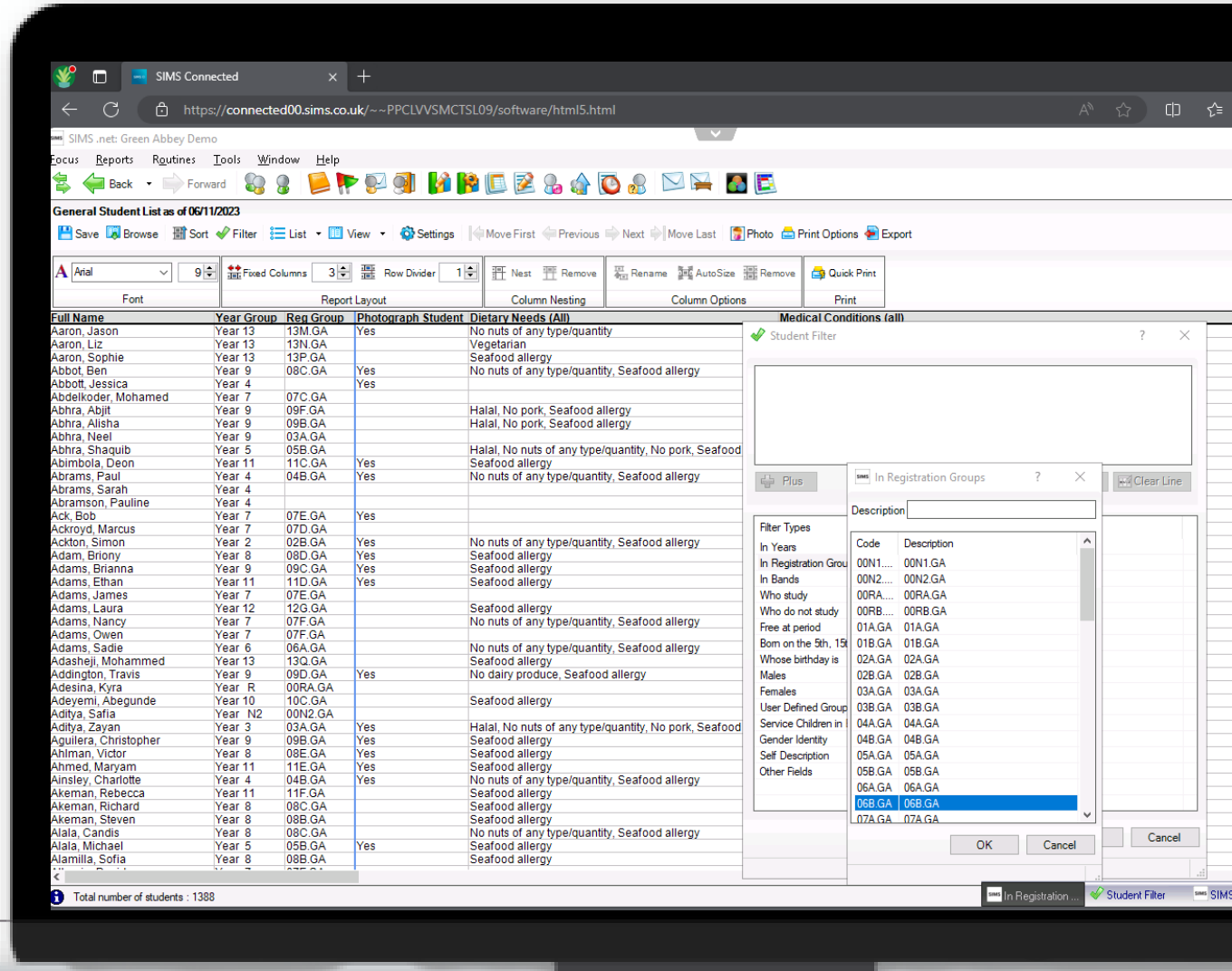
Student List Report

Drag & Drop

- Consent
- Medical conditions
- Dietary Needs
- Contacts



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Safeguarding Reports

Tracking monthly attendance levels across year groups for SEN and pupil premium.

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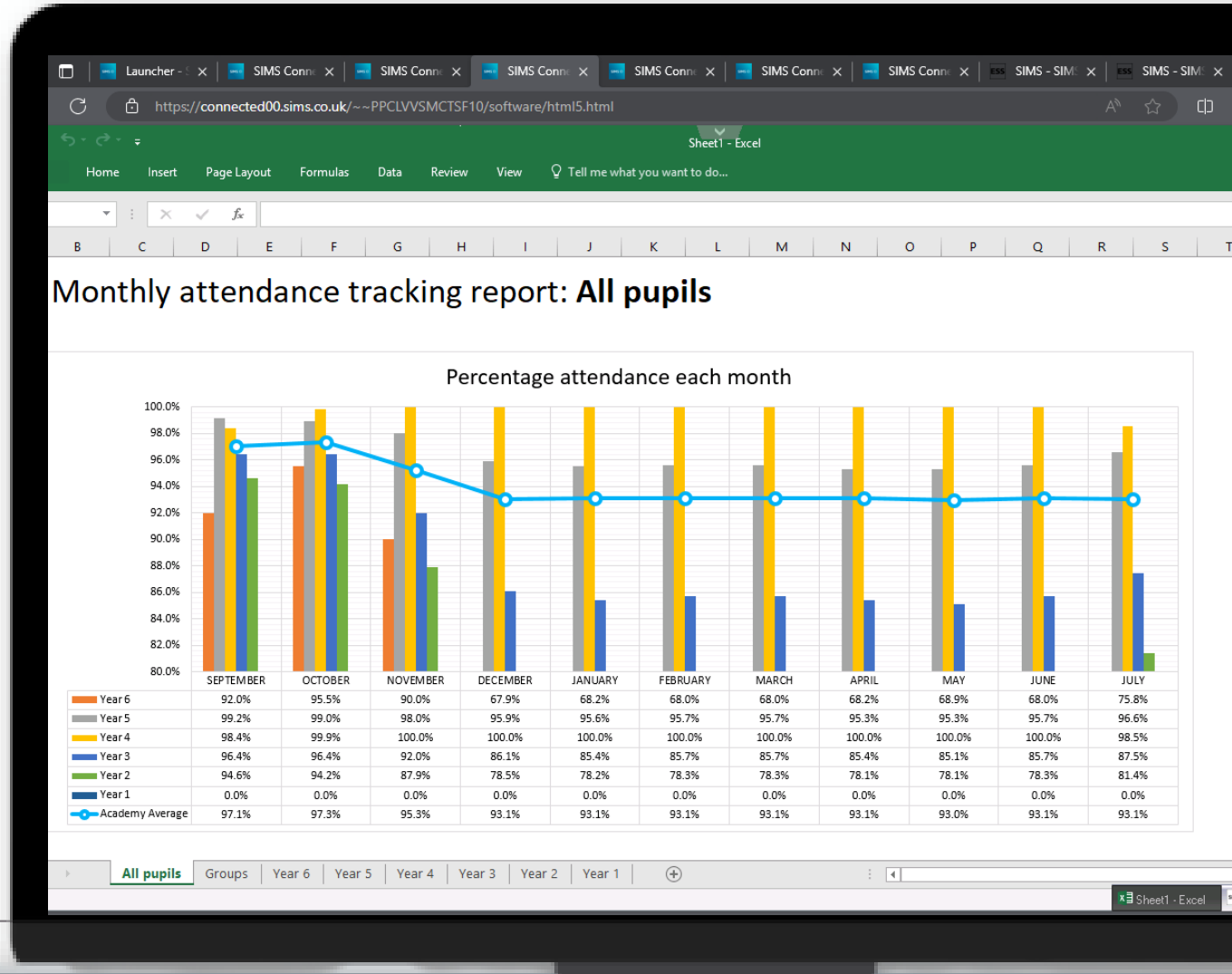

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Year 6	92.0%	95.5%	90.0%	67.9%	68.2%	68.0%	68.0%	68.2%	68.9%	68.0%	75.8%
Year 5	99.2%	99.0%	98.0%	95.9%	95.6%	95.7%	95.7%	95.3%	95.3%	95.7%	96.6%
Year 4	98.4%	99.9%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	98.5%
Year 3	96.4%	96.4%	92.0%	86.1%	85.4%	85.7%	85.7%	85.4%	85.1%	85.7%	87.5%
Year 2	94.6%	94.2%	87.9%	78.5%	78.2%	78.3%	78.3%	78.1%	78.1%	78.3%	81.4%
Year 1	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Academy Average	97.1%	97.3%	95.3%	93.1%	93.1%	93.1%	93.1%	93.1%	93.0%	93.1%	93.1%

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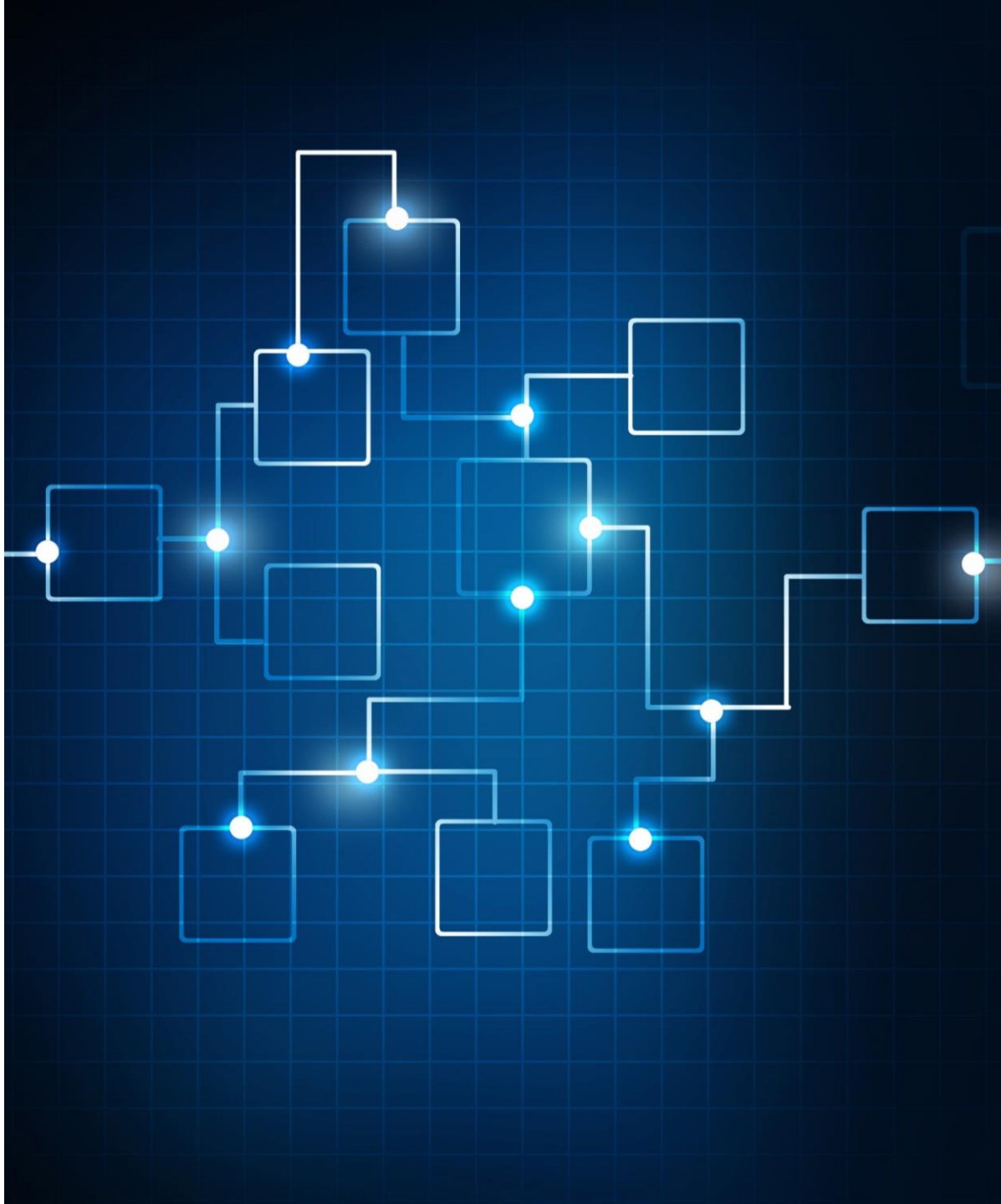
Maintaining required data securely



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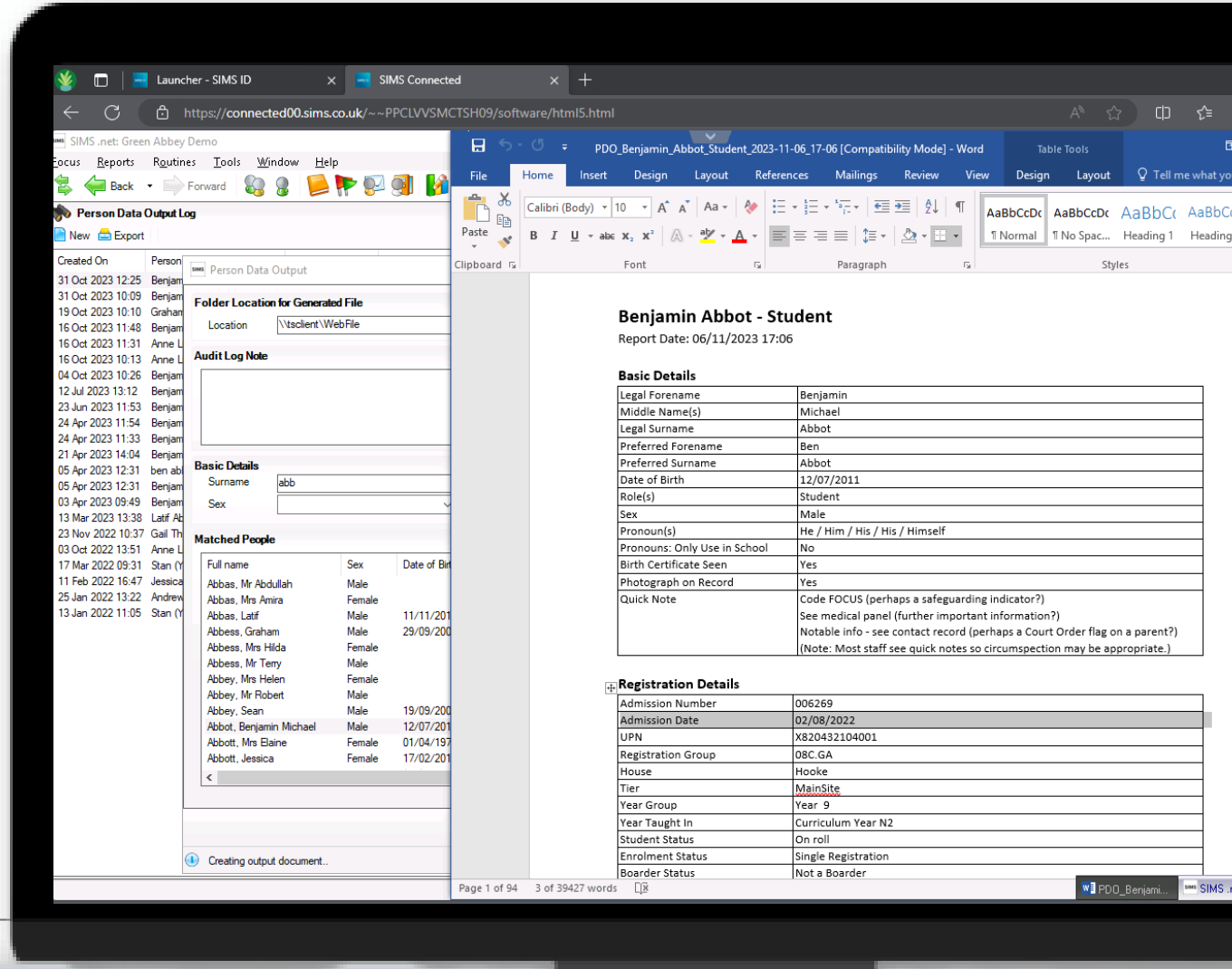
Subject Access Request

- Certainty of compliance
- All data in one report
- Redactable format
- Audit trail of use



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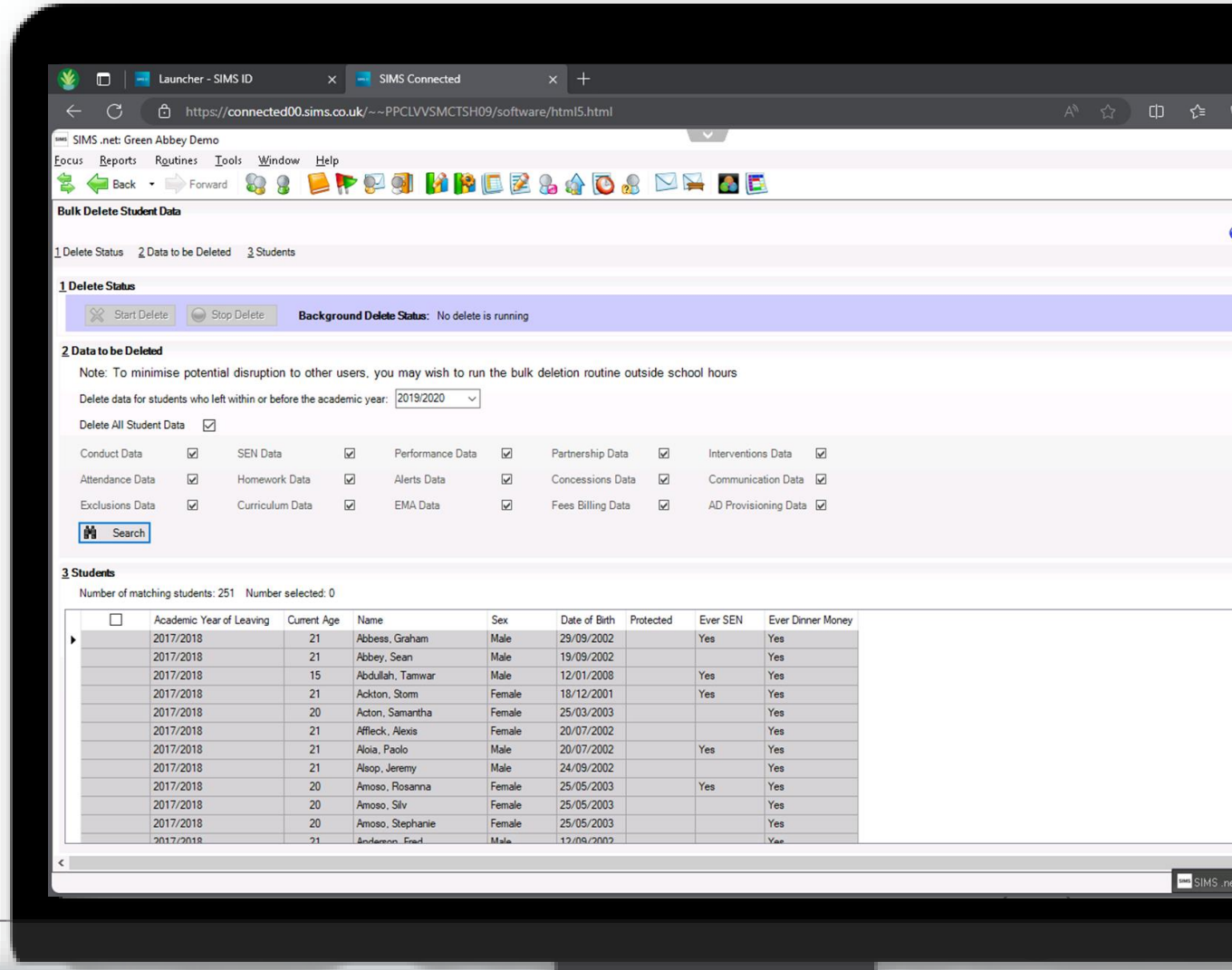
Bulk deletion

- Retain required data
- Remove data that is no longer needed
- Data removal by time



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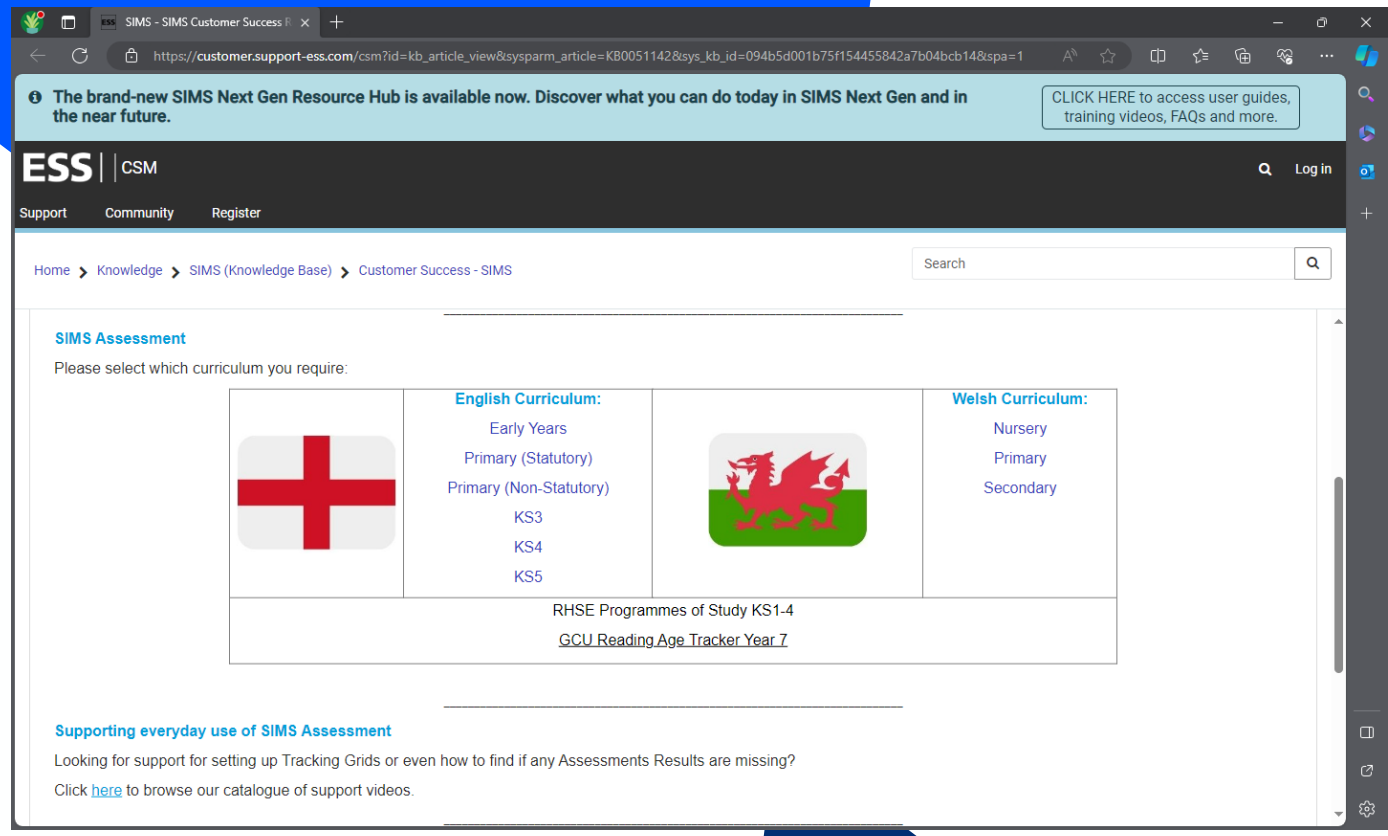

Customer Success Resources

[Access details via Customer Support Portal KB0051142]

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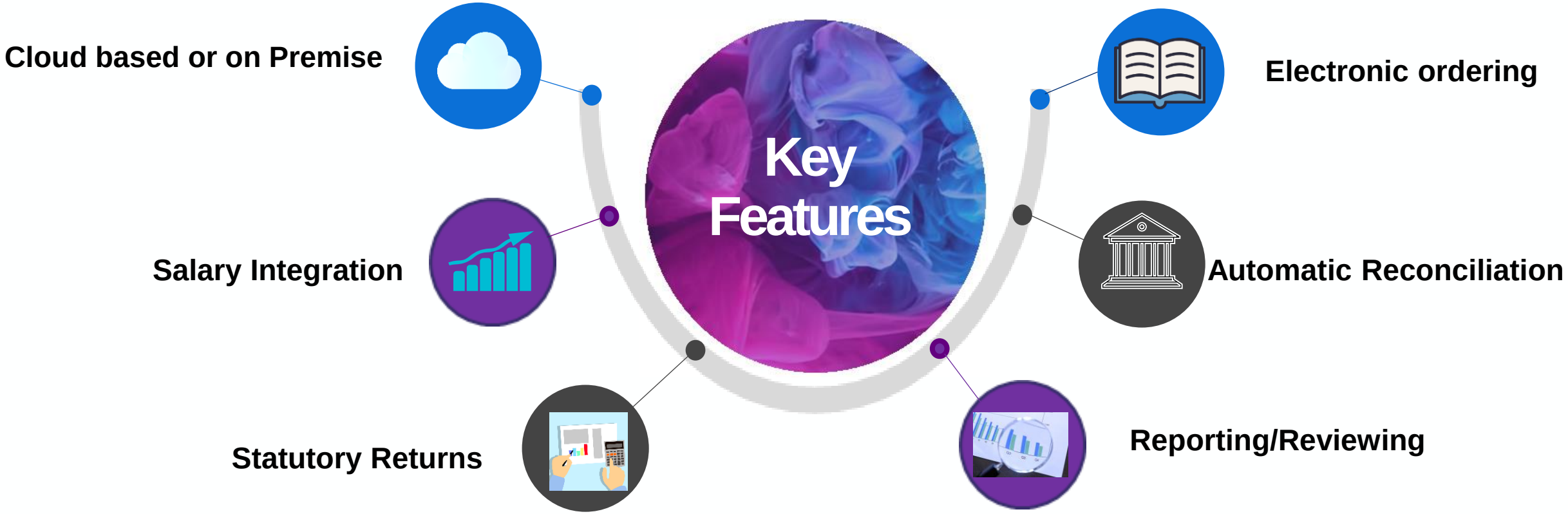
FMS


Cloud based or on Premise
Electronic ordering
Key Features
Salary Integration
Automatic Reconciliation
Statutory Returns
Reporting/Reviewing

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eProcurement – Email Ordering

- Electronic submission for ordering goods and services from a supplier

- SIMS FMS supports an electronic accounts payable workflow. It enables communication with a number of supplier portals, so orders can be sent electronically.

- To be completely electronic all other suppliers can be emailed their orders using the Email Ordering functionality. Saves time, paper and postage!

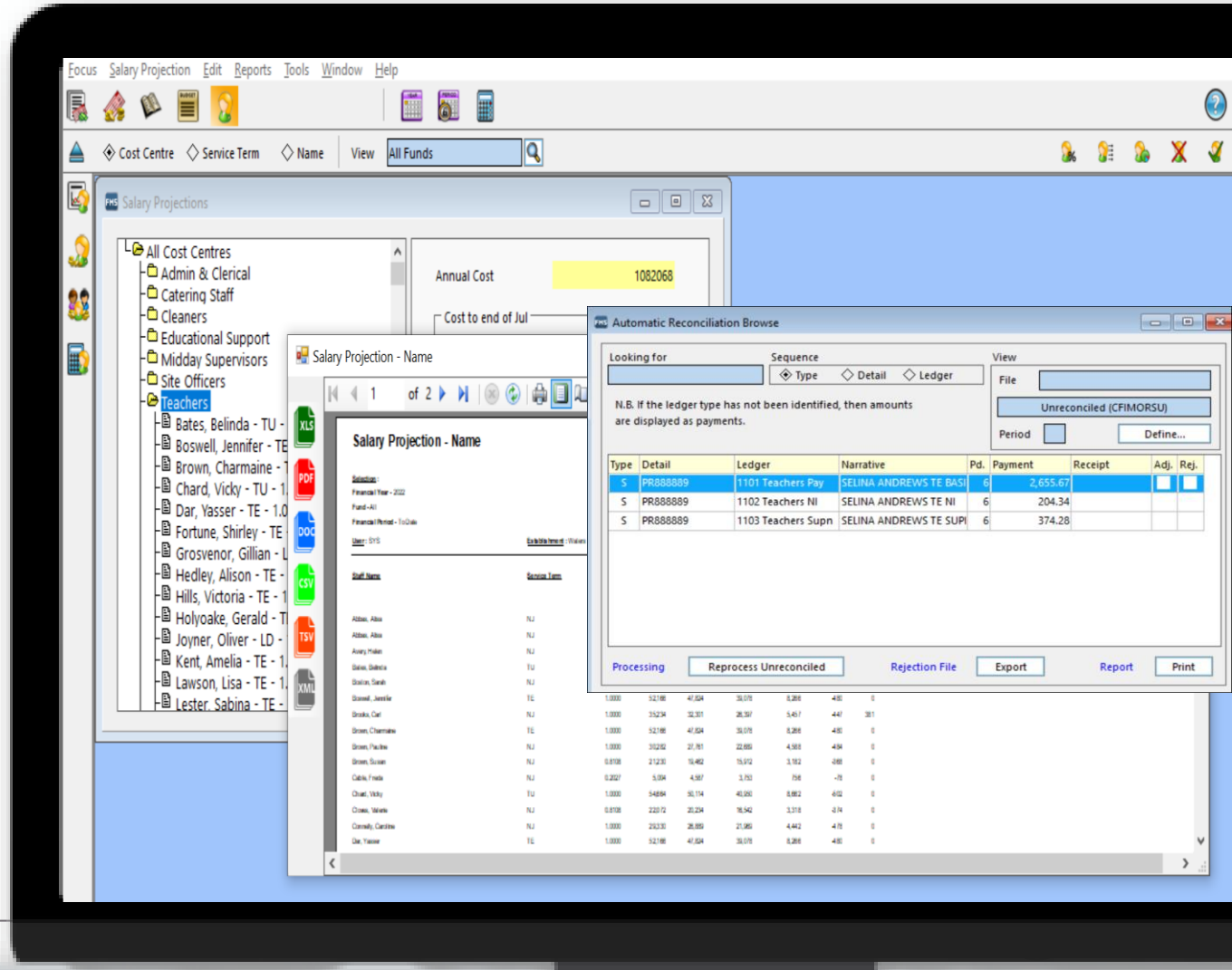
Salary Projections

Salary Scenarios

Information taken from SIMS Personnel contracts

Automatic Salary Reconciliation

Creates Salary commitments



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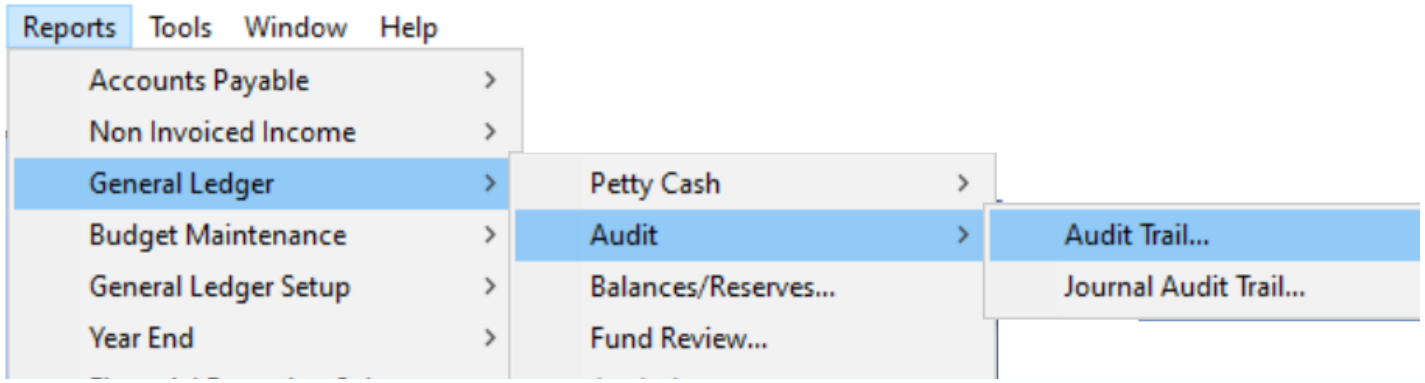
Reporting – Audit Report

Records everything that is done within FMS including:

- Upgrades and Patches
- Adjustments made to budgets
- VAT report produced
- Changes to bank details
- Changes to access permission



Introducing FMS Reporting

Launching our Early Adopter Programme with SIMS Connected schools in January 2024

NEW – cloud based FMS Reporting

NEW: FMS Reporting will provide enhanced financial reporting capabilities for FMS6 Connected customers

- Rich financial data held securely in our PPC Connected environment
- Create new enhanced data visualisation, such as charts/graphs
- Reporting financial data across multiple years - historic and current financial data, for easy year-on-year comparisons

ADVANCED, INTUITIVE USER EXPERIENCE

SIMPLIFIED NAVIGATION

DRILLABLE REPORTS

IMPROVE EXPORT OPTIONS (XLS, PDF, CSV)

PERSONALISE - SAVE SPECIFIC REPORT TEMPLATES

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Q&A

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Thank you for your time today!