



SIMS

SIMS has been upgraded

Welcome to the SIMS 2020 Autumn Release

SIMS 7.196
Primary Schools in England

This information is also available from the **Documentation Centre**, which is accessed by clicking the **Documentation** button on the **SIMS Home Page**.

What's new?

SIMS release notes

How to Use this Section



Click the Book icon to activate a link that takes you directly to the relevant handbook.



Click the Video Camera icon to preview the associated functionality.

Please note that not all features have links.

Admissions

It is now possible to import version 16.0 or 17.0 ATF files only.

AMPARK

The Assessment Manager and Performance Analysis Resource Kit (AMPARK) provides a set of resources for use with SIMS Assessment. This kit has been updated for the SIMS 2020 Autumn Release.

Assessment

The DfE requires schools to provide them with a CTF file that contains data for year 2 pupils for the retrospective Phonics Year 1 2020 Screening Check. The current Phonics Screening Year 1 2020 template, wizard and associated resources in the AMPARK folder (typically found in C:\Program Files (x86)\SIMS\SIMS .net\AMPA\England Primary (and Middle Deemed Primary)\Assessment Manager\Phonics Screening Templates 2020.xml and Year 1 Phonics Screening Wizard 2020.xml) should be used for this purpose.

Results should reflect the actual date of the check and not the original Summer date.

Please note that only this menu route should be used to collect the Phonics Test Results (For Autumn Term 2020 Screening Check only) data.

Catholic Education Services (CES) 2021 Return

- Includes the functionality to produce the Catholic Education Services (CES) 2021 Return.
- Schools are now required to include the number of pupils withdrawn from RE in the figure for pupils withdrawn from collective worship. Subsequently, the following changes have been made to the text in the **Pupil Withdrawals** panel.
 - Total withdrawn from collective worship** has changed to **Total withdrawn from collective worship and / or R.E.**
 - Y12 and Y13 withdrawn from collective worship** has changed to **Y12 and Y13 withdrawn from collective worship and / or R.E.**

This information is included in the Summary report.

- The Support Staff Detail report now displays the **Post Category**.

School Census Spring 2021 Return (England)

- Includes the functionality to produce the School Census Spring 2021 Return.
- For schools using Attendance, data will now be collected on all categories of school attendance, rather than just absence. For schools that do not use Attendance, it is now possible to record the following information:
 - Total number of sessions attending approved educational activity (T AEA Sessions)
 - Total number of sessions unable to attend due to exceptional circumstances (T Excep Sessions)
 - Total number of sessions unable to attend due to Coronavirus (T Corona Sessions).
- The Exclusions Detail report has been updated to display up to three exclusion reasons.
- To highlight classes that require you to enter the reason for the class size exception manually, the class name is now initially displayed in bold and with a yellow background.



SIMS Core

Throughout SIMS, addresses are now validated against Ordnance Survey data from January 2020.

Where to find more information

It is strongly recommended that you read the *SIMS Release Download Links and Product Information* on the [Capita Software Support Portal](#). The Notification provides additional, up-to-date information about the release.

Release notes from previous releases are also available on the Capita Software Support Portal.

The [SIMS Documentation Centre](#) provides access to all the documentation, e.g. handbooks, quick reference sheets, reporting catalogue, yearbooks, etc. It can be accessed by clicking the Documentation button on the SIMS Home Page.

Use the search facility to find additional supporting documentation. Online help can be accessed by pressing F1 or by clicking the applicable Help button in SIMS.

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