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SIMS has been upgraded

Welcome to the
SIMS 2020 Autumn Release

**SIMS 7.196
Secondary 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

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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.

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- Schools are now required to include the number of pupils withdrawn from RE in the figure for pupils withdrawn from collective worship.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  - **Total withdrawn from collective worship** has changed to **Total withdrawn from collective worship and / or R.E.**.
  - **Y12 and Y13 withdrawn from collective worship** has changed to **Y12 and Y13 withdrawn from collective worship and / or R.E.**.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**.

Course Manager

- The **Remove Programme** button has been provided, enabling the deletion of Programme of Study details for a student whose course **Status** has been set to **Withdrawn** or **Transferred** via Maintain Course.
- When a student's course membership has associated work placements, the student's name is displayed in bold text in the **Memberships and Results** panel.

Reporting

- The following data items are displayed in the new **Work Placements** section of the Person Data Output (PDO) report:
  - Start Date
  - End Date
  - Employer ID
  - Employer Name
  - Mode
  - Planned Hours
  - Notes.

- The following items have been added to the **Programmes of Study** sub-report:
  - Programme Type
  - Start Date
  - End Date
  - Planned End
  - Status
  - ReasonTraineeship.

- 📕 The new **Associated Work Placements** sub-report contains the following items:
  - Start Date
  - End Date
  - Employer Id
  - Employer Name
  - Mode
  - Planned Hours
  - Notes.

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 <u>all</u> 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.
- For schools with a November exams season, it is now possible for the School Census to be run during an exams embargo period.

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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