

# ICT Services

Cheshire East Council ICT Shared Service

Primary Schools Seminar Spring 2024

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# General Information

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# 2024/25 Buyback



- CEC ICT SS will continue to provide a range of **Schools ICT Support** for the duration of the 2024/25 school year.
- Existing services can be renewed through the eCWIP annual buyback arrangements.
- The cost of individual services is currently still being finalised as part of the ongoing financial review.
- Final details on pricing and availability of individual services will be confirmed in due course.

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# Service Offerings & Support Packages



- ***School Office Support*** covers ICT systems used for school management, including an accredited SIMS Support Unit:
  - Secondary & Primary
  - Three levels of support (Bronze, Silver, Gold)
- ***Primary Classroom Service*** provides onsite support for technologies used in delivering the curriculum:
  - Support from 1 day per week to ½ day per month
  - Includes devices & peripherals, servers, tablets and software support
  - Forums and workshops included
- ***Value Add Services*** include Training, Remote Backup (RBUSS), and Secure Mail (Egress)

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# Staff Updates



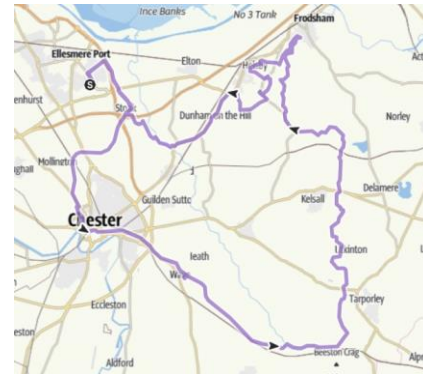
- The lovely Barry turned 70!! So did Pete (secretly last Nov)
- Dean is finally going to get married (next year)
- Lauren visiting schools
- Jodie and her dog Megan came 5th in the Obedience in Crufts
- Chris Ward has retired
- Matt did another crazy 50 mile run (up to his knees in mud!)

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# Filtering Monitoring



- School Broadband setup for all school supported by ourselves
- Can get daily of instant reports
- Will only give IP address of iPads
- Recommend static IP for iPads and list of pupil that use them
- Will have access to portal

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# Meraki MDM



- Used to managed iPads
- Was free to 100 licences (if setup before a certain date)
- From Feb no longer free for new iPads
- Charge for any new ones bought however you will to pay for all licences
- E.g. if had 30 and buy one more will need to pay for 31 licences
- Everything lese still works (at the moment)
- Cost approx. £4 to £5 per device per year depending where purchased from

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# BT lines



- Schools use the BT lines for Alarm system
- Phasing out analogue lines
- Costs have increased
- Need to contact your alarm company
- Can upgrade box so it is connected to the network instead
- Approx £250 (don't quote me!)

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# SIMS Updates

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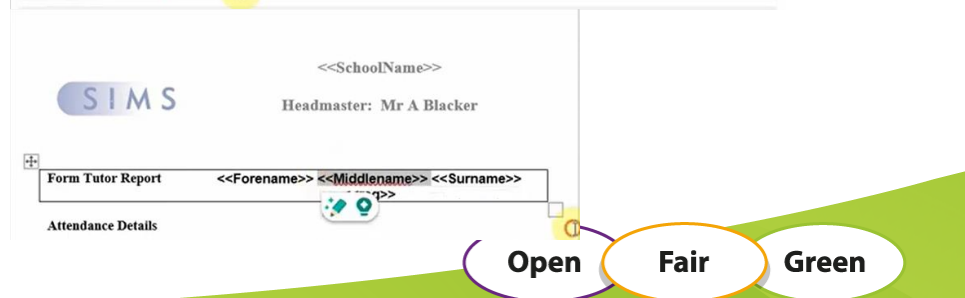
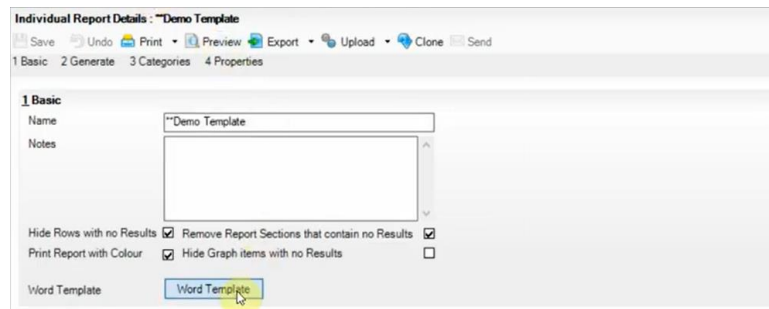
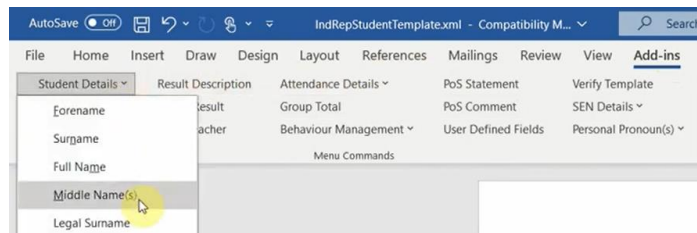
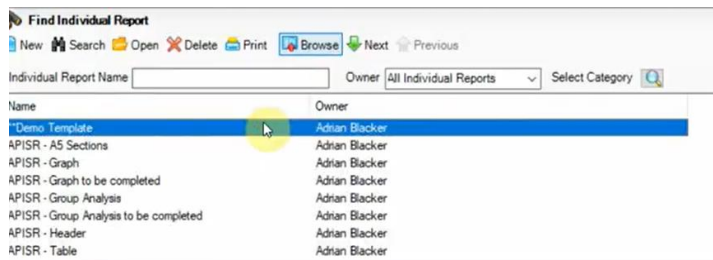


# Sims .net Spring 2024 Release – Product Enhancements



## SIMS Assessment: Adding a Middle Name tag into Individual Reports

- Focus, Assessment, Individual Report



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2 Generate

Surname	Forename	Sex	DOB	Reg Group

Student Selector

Select the effective Group date  
From: 01/09/2023 To: 01/09/2024 Refresh

- House
- New Intake Group
- Registration Group
- Year Group
  - All Year Groups
  - Year 7
  - Year 8
  - Year 9
  - Year 10
  - Year 11
  - Year 12
  - Year 13

Searching For:

Surname	Forename	Sex	DOB	Reg Group	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Abimbola	Deon	M	14/05/2008	11A
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Adams	Ethan	M	28/11/2007	11B
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ahmed	Mayam	F	10/07/2008	11C
<input type="checkbox"/>	Akeman	Rebecca	F	18/09/2007	11E
<input type="checkbox"/>	Allen	Eva	F	01/03/2008	11D
<input type="checkbox"/>	Altenburg	Fieda	F	19/05/2008	11E
<input type="checkbox"/>	Anwar	Aleena	F	17/04/2008	11F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Arkel	Irene	F	02/12/2007	11F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Astoni	Sonya	F	22/11/2007	11F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Astwick	William	M	02/03/2008	11E
<input type="checkbox"/>	Balev	Malak	M	09/10/2007	11E

Select All Deselect All

Apply Cancel

Individual Report Details: Demo Template

Save Undo Print Preview Export Upload Clone Send

1 Basic 2 Generate 3 Categories 4 Properties

1 Basic

Name:

Notes:

Hide Rows with no Results  Remove Report Sections that contain no Results

Print Report with Colour  Hide Graph items with no Results

Word Template:

2 Generate

Surname	Forename	Sex	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Adams	Ethan	M

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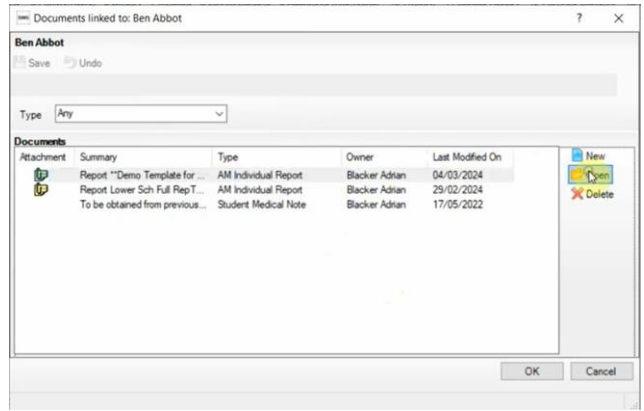
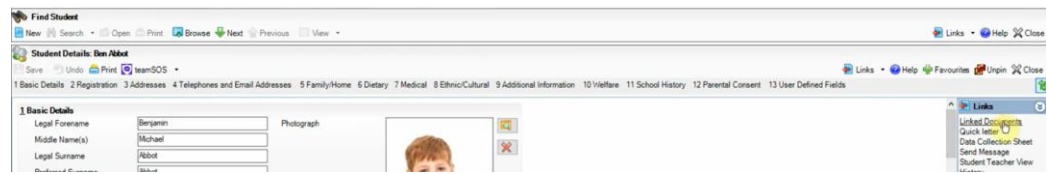


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SIMS Assessment: Publishing Individual Reports to Linked Documents in PDF format

- Focus, Assessment, Individual Report





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## SIMS Reporting: Reporting on Custom Permission Groups in Design Reports

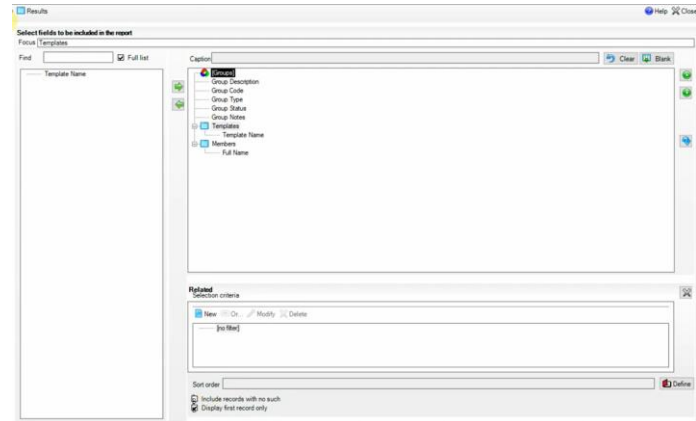
- Focus, System Manager, Manage Groups
- Reports, Design a Report

Press **Esc** to exit full screen

**Preview Report Results**

Details Extend Exclude View... View: Selected Rows: 150

Group Description	Group Code	Group Type	Group Status	Group Notes	Template Name	Full Name
Educational Provider	EXT-A	Custom	Active	Education Provider permission group	Educational Provider	
Old Admin Assistant	OldAdmin	Custom	Inactive		Administration Assistant	
Restricted Class Teacher	CustClass	Custom	Active		School Administrator	Mrs A Abell
Restricted Class Teacher	CustClass	Custom	Active		Class Teacher	Mrs A Abell
Restricted Class Teacher	CustClass	Custom	Active		System Manager	Mrs A Abell
Restricted Class Teacher	CustClass	Custom	Active		School Administrator	S Admin
Restricted Class Teacher	CustClass	Custom	Active		Class Teacher	S Admin
Restricted Class Teacher	CustClass	Custom	Active		System Manager	S Admin
Restricted Class Teacher	CustClass	Custom	Active		School Administrator	Mrs S Andrews
Restricted Class Teacher	CustClass	Custom	Active		Class Teacher	Mrs S Andrews



**Preview Report Results**

Details Extend Exclude View... View: Selected Rows: 52

Group Description	Group Code	Group Type	Group Status	Group Notes	Template Name	Full Name
Educational Provider	EXT-A	Custom	Active	Education Provider permission group	Educational Provider	
Old Admin Assistant	OldAdmin	Custom	Inactive		Administration Assistant	
Restricted Class Teacher	CustClass	Custom	Active		School Administrator	Mr A Blacker
Restricted Class Teacher	CustClass	Custom	Active		School Administrator	Mr M Konchalaki
Restricted Class Teacher	CustClass	Custom	Active		School Administrator	Miss J Edwards
Restricted Class Teacher	CustClass	Custom	Active		School Administrator	Mr M Lubbock

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SIMS School Report: The new SEN Status and Needs Summary in the school report.

- Reports, School Report

School Report

Start Date for Attendance, Conduct and Exclusions: 01/09/2023

Reference Date: 05/03/2024

Include Date of Birth From: [ ]

Include Date of Birth To: [ ]

Include rows containing only zeros/blanks

Include Leavers

Show Long Version

Report sections to be included:

- Pupil Numbers
- Key Pastoral Factors
- SEN Status Summary
- SEN Needs Summary
- Session Attendance Summary
- Conduct Summary
- Exclusions
- Achievement Details
- Behaviour Details
- Appendix

Select All | Deselect All

Generate | Close

Key Pastoral Factors																
	Year 7		Year 8		Year 9		Year 10		Year 11		Year 12		Year 13		All Years	
Current Pupils																
Free School Meals	11.76%	20	18.45%	31	9.32%	15	15.82%	25	19.38%	31	19.49%	23	12.12%	12	15.18%	157
English as Additional Language	18.24%	31	21.43%	36	18.63%	30	14.56%	23	23.13%	37	4.24%	5	12.12%	12	16.83%	174
Pupil Premium	11.76%	20	18.45%	31	9.32%	15	16.46%	26	20.63%	33	19.49%	23	12.12%	12	15.47%	160
Medical Condition	5.29%	9	1.19%	2	6.83%	11	12.03%	19	6.88%	11	1.69%	2	3.03%	3	5.51%	57
Service Children			0.60%	1					1.25%	2					0.29%	3
In Care			0.60%	1	0.62%	1	1.27%	2	1.25%	2			1.01%	1	0.68%	7
Traveller											0.85%	1	1.01%	1	0.19%	2
More Able													1.01%	1	0.10%	1
SEN Status	6.47%	11	1.19%	2	8.07%	13	8.86%	14	6.88%	11	9.32%	11	14.14%	14	7.35%	76
SEN Needs	5.88%	10	1.19%	2	8.07%	13	8.86%	14	5.63%	9	9.32%	11	14.14%	14	7.06%	73

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	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13	All Years
Current Pupils								
E- Education, Health and Care Plan	1.18% 2		1.86% 3	1.90% 3	1.25% 2		2.02% 2	1.16% 12
Male	0.59% 1		0.62% 1	1.90% 3	0.63% 1		2.02% 2	0.77% 8
Female	0.59% 1		1.24% 2		0.63% 1			0.39% 4
K-SEN Support	5.29% 9	1.19% 2	6.21% 10	6.96% 11	5.63% 9	9.32% 11	12.12% 12	6.19% 64
Male	3.53% 6	1.19% 2	3.73% 6	3.80% 6	3.13% 5	5.08% 6	8.08% 8	3.77% 38
Female	1.76% 3		2.48% 4	3.16% 5	2.50% 4	4.24% 5	4.04% 4	2.42% 25
M- Monitor Language Skills					0.63% 1			0.10% 1
Female					0.63% 1			0.10% 1
N- No Special Educational Need		1.19% 2						0.19% 2
Male		0.60% 1						0.10% 1
Female		0.60% 1						0.10% 1

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13	All Years
Current Pupils								
Autistic Spectrum Disorder	0.59% 1		0.62% 1	0.63% 1			1.01% 1	0.39% 4
Male				0.63% 1			1.01% 1	0.19% 2
Female	0.59% 1		0.62% 1					0.19% 2
Hearing Impairment	0.59% 1		1.24% 2	0.63% 1	0.63% 1	0.85% 1	1.01% 1	0.68% 7
Male			0.62% 1		0.63% 1	0.85% 1		0.29% 3
Female	0.59% 1		0.62% 1	0.63% 1			1.01% 1	0.39% 4
Moderate Learning Difficulty				0.63% 1	0.63% 1			1.01% 1
Male				0.63% 1				0.10% 1

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	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13	All Years
Female					0.63% 1		1.01% 1	0.19% 2
Multi-Sensory Impairment							1.01% 1	0.10% 1
Male							1.01% 1	0.10% 1
No Specialist Assessment	1.18% 2						1.01% 1	0.29% 3
Male	0.59% 1						1.01% 1	0.19% 2
Female	0.59% 1							0.10% 1
Other Difficulty/Disability	0.59% 1					0.85% 1	2.02% 2	0.39% 4
Male	0.59% 1						2.02% 2	0.29% 3

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SIMS Housekeeping: Maintaining Bulk Documents with the new 'Group Type' filter.

- Tools, Housekeeping, Document Management Server, Maintain Bulk Documents

**Maintain Bulk Documents**

1 Folder Location for Downloaded Documents   2 Select Documents

**1 Folder Location for Downloaded Documents**

Location

**2 Select Documents**

**Basic Details**

Surname  Forename  Document Type

Sex  Date of Birth

**Group Type Selection**

Group Type  Group  Effective Date

**Date Range of Documents**

Start Date  End Date

**2 Select Documents**

**Basic Details**

Surname

Sex

**Group Type Selection**

Group Type

**Date Range**

Start Date

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2 Select Documents

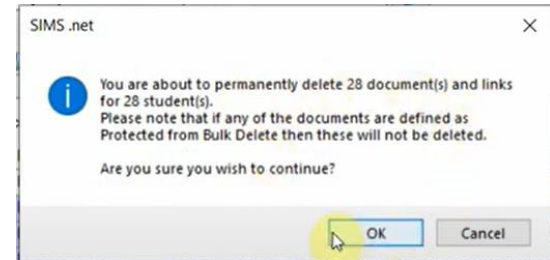
Basic Details  
Surname  Forename  Document Type

Sex  Date of Birth

Group Type Selection  
Group Type  Group  Effective Date

Date Range of Documents  
Start Date  End Date  Search

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Year Group	Sex	Date of Birth	Protect from Bulk Delete	Document Type	File Name	Summary	Status	Last Modified Date	<input type="button" value="Download"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Abbot, Benjamin	Year 8	Male	12/07/2011	No	AM Individual Report	Abbot-Benjamin-005844-Lower S...	Report Lower Sch Full Rep Temp...	Public	23/02/2024		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Abbot, Benjamin	Year 8	Male	12/07/2011	No	AM Individual Report	Abbot-Benjamin-005844-Demo T...	Report "Demo Template for Abb...	Public	04/03/2024		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Abbot, Benjamin	Year 8	Male	12/07/2011	No	AM Individual Report	Abbot-Benjamin-005844-Year 10 I...	Report Year 10 Interim Report S...	Public	05/03/2024		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Adam, Briony	Year 8	Female	21/03/2011	No	AM Individual Report	Adam-Briony-005545-Year 10 In...	Report Year 10 Interim Report S...	Public	05/03/2024		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Aguilera, Christopher	Year 8	Male	05/06/2010	No	AM Individual Report	Aguilera-Christopher-005545-Yea...	Report Year 10 Interim Report S...	Public	05/03/2024		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ahman, Victor	Year 8	Male	30/11/2010	No	AM Individual Report	Ahman-Victor-005947-Year 10 I...	Report Year 10 Interim Report S...	Public	05/03/2024		



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Data Deletion Agreement

As the Data Controller, it is the responsibility of the School to demonstrate compliance with the current Data Protection Legislation description of 'Lawful Basis for Processing'

This routine will permanently delete all selected documents and links.  
Note: any documents that are ticked on the Student record as Protect from Bulk Data Deletion will not be deleted.

ESS cannot be responsible for the documents you choose to delete.

**You are advised to take a backup of your SIMS database and DMS prior to performing deletion of documents.**

If you have any questions regarding your responsibilities in relation to the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) then you are best advised to review the information on the ICO website:  
<https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-the-general-data-protection-regulation-gdpr/lawful-basis-for-processing>

Both parties will act in accordance to the terms of the GDPR Data Protection Act 2018.

Please read the above statement fully and tick to confirm you agree in order to continue.

Continue Cancel

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28 Linked document(s) of 28 student(s) have been successfully deleted.

OK

2 Select Documents

Basic Details  
Surname: % Forename: Document Type: AM Individual Report  
Sex: Date of Birth: [Calendar icon]

Group Type Selection  
Group Type: Year Group Group: Year 8 Effective Date: 06-03-2024 [Calendar icon]

Date Range of Documents  
Start Date: [Calendar icon] End Date: [Calendar icon] Search [M]

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Year Group	Sex	Date of Birth	Protect from Bulk Delete	Document Type	File Name	Summary	Status	Last Modified Date	<input type="button" value="Download"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
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## ESS SIMS YouTube Channel

- All the information provided for SIMS Updates can be found on the ESS Sims YouTube channel.

[ESS SIMS – YouTube](#)

## Next Gen Updates

[SIMS - SIMS Next Gen Release Notes \(All Schools\) \(support-ess.com\)](#)

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# School Summer Census 2024



## Key Dates

### Summer Census Day - Thursday 16/05/2024

- Attendance 01/01/2024 to 31/03/2024
- Exclusions 01/08/2023 to 31/03/2024
- Alternative Provision Placements 18/01/2024 to 16/05/2024
- Funding and Monitoring 01/08/2023 to 16/05/2024
- Learner Support 01/08/2023 to 16/05/2024
- Free School Meal Eligibility 19/01/2024 to 16/05/2024
  
- Baseline Fileset ID required is 2700 (Not yet available to schools)

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# SIMS End of Year 2023/2024



## Gold Support, Silver Support & Ad-hoc Purchases

- Forms will be sent out towards the end of May
- Save form on S:/ and email [schools.training@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:schools.training@cheshireeast.gov.uk) to advise where, by June 30<sup>th</sup>

## Bronze Support

- Can buy through eCWIP/ChESS
- 2e. SIMS End of Year 2023/2024

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# SIMS End of Year 2023/2024



- School Terms and Holidays (If not known, provide basic details and it can be amended later)
- Class structure – Class Name/Teacher/NC Year (Assigning staff members can be done later if not known)
- Promotions (Which class they're going into in the next Academic Year)
- Admissions (Where the ATF is saved on S:/ - If used)
- Year 6 Leavers Information

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# SIMS Pupil Premium



- DfE have provided the 2024/25 Pupil Premium file and is available to download from Get Information About Pupils (GIAP)

## "The File does not have required columns"

- According to ESS: "This is due to how the provider has exported the file. You will need to contact them and obtain a new file that should be correct, so that it can be imported into SIMS."
- Contact Colin Shephard/John Whitfield if any issues

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# Barry's Top Tips

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# Sims Tips



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# Tips to ease that workload...



"If stress burned calories, I'd be a supermodel."

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**Be patient. Better days are coming—Saturday and Sunday.**



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