



PENNINE EDUCATION

Pennine Education Newsletter

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Spring Newsletter - March 2024

SIMS Academic Update

The Spring SIMS Update has added some new features around Individual Assessment Reporting:

Add Student's Middle Name to Individual Report
Individual Report | Word template | Add Ins | Student Details
The Individual Report Word templates have been updated to include the student's middle names in the list of Student Details when generating an Individual Report.

Uploading PDF Documents to DMS

Tools | Performance | Assessment | Individual Report Details
The Upload to Linked Documents function has been updated so learner individual reports can be uploaded as PDFs if chosen and have the same default Document Type settings as the Word upload button, making it possible for SIMS to overwrite the date/user automatically.

SIMS Pre Admissions

It is that time of year when school places for 2024/25 are being offered/confirmed and you will be receiving you new intake pupil details from the LA.

This is a perfect time to start looking at your pre-admissions and adding them into SIMS.

Please click the below link for guidance on how to set up and record your Pre-admissions into SIMS, which includes information on how to import an ATF containing your new intake pupils from SAM into SIMS.

If you would like any help or advice on this, please log a call with our Helpdesk on **0161 509 2900**

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SIMS Technical

ESS will cease support for SQL server 2014 from Summer 2024
(Microsoft Extended Support End Date: 09/07/2024 – Spring 2024 Release of SIMS is likely to be the last version of SIMS supported on this SQL)

Windows Server 2022 will be fully supported from the Summer 2024 upgrade
SQL Server 2022 will be fully supported from the Summer 2024 upgrade

FMS EOY-Primary FMS Schools Only

As you all know FMS EOY is approaching on the 1st April Please ensure if you are a cheque book school using FMS you:

- Run off your VAT submittal on the closest day possible after the 1st, for most this will be Monday 3rd April
- Ensure you take the tick out of order book open in the old year via Tools/Define Financial Years/Define Edit Years
- Only two years can be open at one time in FMS so if 2022 is still open you will not be able to open a new financial year
- Please contact your accountant to see if this can be closed and then perform the final close ensuring you have made a backup beforehand

Arbor End of Year Procedures

We will be offering an Arbor End of Year procedures overview delivered via Microsoft teams and an End of Year managed service where we completed the end of year procedures delivered via remote connection.

We will be sending out a digital leaflet with information soon, this will include details of the date the overview will take place and prices for both the overview and managed service.

If you have any questions or want to find out more, get in contact with Troy on 0161 509 2900

Dates for Your Diary

30th April 2024

SIMS Census Briefing Cheshire - 10.00-12.00
Arbor Census Briefing Cheshire 13.00-15.00

2nd May 2024

SIMS User Group Onsite - 10.00-12.30

14th May 2024

Arbor Census Briefing Blackpool - 10.00-12.00
SIMS Census Briefing Blackpool - 13.00-15.00

16th May 2024

Summer Census