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Dear Parent/Guardian

The new parent app - easy access to important school information

Today we are rolling out the new parent app to all parents. Following a successful trail in the summer term the parents of students in Year 11 have reported back that the new system is easy to set up and very simple to use. This app replaces the Learning Gateway as the means by which we will be delivering key information to you including half termly reports, attendance, behaviour and achievement information. This alongside the recently improved 'in touch' messaging system, now used by staff to send emails to you, will improve further our ability to keep you informed about your child's progress in school.

You can access the system from a smartphone, tablet or PC – anytime, anywhere.

What you will find in the SIMS Parent app:

- Important information such as attendance, behaviour and achievements
- School term, inset dates and contact details available at the click of a button
- · Access your child's school report
- Receive notifications to remind you about important information such as key dates for your diary
- Access to update your contact details, so we always have the most up-to-date information in case of emergency
- If you have more than one child at school, you'll have access to information for all your children, from the same app.

The information that you receive through the app will help you to stay up-to-date with your child's school life as well as support your child's development and progress.

Today you will receive an activation email as below. I would encourage you to set up the app on your chosen device ready to receive the first school report of the year at the end of this half-term.

If you have any concerns or problems setting up the app please contact parentapp@maidenerleghschool.co.uk

Student Access to their school reports

In order to ensure that your child still has access to their school report we will continue to ask them to access this information via their Learning Gateway login. On Friday morning this week they will be set a brief tutor homework which will be to login to their account prior to the reports being made available to them. In this way any student who has access issues with passwords can get these resolved before the reports are uploaded to the Learning Gateway. On the 2 Nov tutor session the students will review their reports and reflect on what they can do to improve further.

Yours sincerely

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Trust Lead for Assessment and Reporting

Getting started with the SIMS Parent app

- 1. We will send you an activation email, simply click on the link from your tablet, PC or smartphone to activate your account.
- 2. You can then login using your normal **Facebook, Twitter**, **Google** or **Microsoft** username and password.

Note: Parents cannot register using SIMS ID.



3. From your smartphone or tablet, download the app from the Google Play or Apple App store - search for **SIMS Parent.**



4. From a PC or Windows phone, login online at www.sims-parent.co.uk



Please note that your activation email is unique to you and should not be used by anyone else. If you have not yet received a registration email, please check your SPAM folder before contacting the school.

Your activation email will expire after 14 days if it is not used, please contact the school if you require a replacement after this date.