

SIMS USER GROUP MEETING

Thursday 1st July 2021

AGENDA

- Next User Group Meeting
- Team & Support Updates
- Capita ESS Update
- SIMS & FMS Summer 2021 Update
- Autumn 2021 School Census - Carol
- School Workforce Census – Elaine
- Any other business.

Next User Group Meeting:

Thursday 9th December 2021*

***Hopefully not via Microsoft Teams! 😊**

Team and Support Updates...

- Working from home still. Back into office from September with social distancing being relaxed as of 19th July.
- Courses in Autumn term will be run in our training room.
- For those schools that have attended SIMS training this term, please provide feedback on training received via Microsoft Teams to support@simsforschools.com.
- Have recruited a fourth team member. Due to join the team in September.

Capita ESS Update

- Capita Education Software Services Ltd sold to Montagu - took over from 1st February 2021.
- Capita ESS Ltd now renamed to ESS SIMS Ltd.
- Some issues occurred with payments to ESS SIMS Ltd due to name change – believe this has been rectified for those affected.
- Montagu also purchased ParentPay. ESS SIMS Ltd will fall under their ParentPay Group.
- New owners want to change culture and not to over promise and under deliver unlike Capita.
- Investing to get things right.
- Not prepared to give a timetable of delivery for SIMS Primary as much of the business is still under review.
- No real update with SIMS Primary compared to last user group meeting.
- No end date for SIMS 7.

SIMS & FMS Summer 2021 Update

- ESS to release SIMS & FMS update on 2nd July.
- Will start upgrading schools on week beginning 12th July and will continue into the Summer break.
- Following pre-defined reports available:
 - FMS Ever6 Eng Pr FYr 2021-22 (Approx) v2
 - FMS Ever6 Eng Se FYr 2021-22 (Approx) v2
 - Calculates the approximated annual Pupil Premium value for Schools for FY 2021/22.
- New School Arranged Alternative Provision Placements table in Registration panel – can be populated from September 2021 in preparation for voluntary collection of data in Spring 2022 School Census.
- New ethnicity extended code – WNIR - White Northern Irish. Maps to main code WBRI – White British.
- In Personnel, if QT Status check box is selected on Professional Details can specify the induction year of newly qualified teacher by selecting from the NQT Status drop down list.

SIMS & FMS Spring 2021 Update Continued...

- FMS updates relates to Academies to reflect ESFA requirements for 2020/21 Academies Accounts Return.
- Update includes removal of code 290100 Credit\Debit Card 1.
- On upgrade any ledger codes previously mapped to this code will be unmapped.

Autumn School Census 2021

- OVER TO CAROL!

Changes to School Census Autumn 2021

Exclusions

With the exception of Nursery schools, the DfE is changing exclusions terminology. To accommodate this change, amendments have been made to the **Exclusion Type** lookup in SIMS. Schools are required to record:

- Fixed Term or Lunchtime **Suspensions** instead of
- Fixed Term or Lunchtime **Exclusions**

from September 2021 in preparation for forthcoming returns.

Changes to School Census Autumn 2021

New **Pupil (or Student) Details** Panel

- The new **School Arranged Alternative Provision Placements** table in the **Registration** panel of the **Pupil (or Student) Details** page can be populated from September 2021 in preparation for the first voluntary collection of data in the School Census Spring 2022 Return. The collection period for these placements is from the day after the previous census return to the 'current' census day inclusive.

Changes to School Census Autumn 2021

New Ethnicity Code

- **WNIR - White - Northern Irish** has been provided as an additional extended code and has been added to the student **Ethnicity** lookup. This new code maps to the main code of **WBRI - White - British**.

School Workforce Census

- OVER TO ELAINE!

ANY OTHER BUSINESS?

ANY QUESTIONS?

AND A MASSIVE THANK YOU 😊

The SIMSforSchools Team would like to thank you for your continued support of our service and we look forward to seeing you back and refreshed from a well deserved break!

HAVE A LOVELY SUMMER BREAK!

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