

## Home-school communication: SIMS for Schools

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to inform you of a trial intended to strengthen and improve communication between school and home about your child's behaviour during the school day.

We are implementing this change in response to on-going feedback from parents requesting more regular updates on their child's behaviour. We believe that increased communication will help reinforce high standards, support student well-being, and contribute to an environment in which all students can thrive.

From this term, parents will receive regular updates about both especially positive and/or negative behaviour via the SIMS Parent app. Our aim is to recognise and celebrate students who uphold the school's values of Dignity, Kindness, and Respect, while also addressing behaviours that do not meet our expectations. Please be aware that not all behaviour is recorded on SIMS. Students can also receive praise or be spoken about negative behaviour through a 1:1 conversation.

### Positive Behaviour

Students may be awarded Waddesdon Points in recognition of:

- Positive behaviour in class
- High-quality work in lessons
- Excellent homework
- Demonstrating 'The Waddesdon Way'
- Recognition by the Form Tutor

### Behaviour Concerns

Notifications will also be sent for the following concerns:

- Inadequate work in lessons
- Homework not completed/handed in
- Homework x 2 (Homework still not completed)
- Unacceptable behaviour in lessons
- Unacceptable behaviour outside of lessons
- Use of derogatory language
- Lack of essential equipment or resources
- Incomplete or missing PE kit
- Uniform
- Use of mobile phone
- Chewing gum
- Damage to property

These alerts are intended to keep you informed and to encourage timely conversations at home to support your child in developing into a well-rounded and responsible young person. Where concerns may require further investigation before contact is made with home, these will be communicated once the investigation has taken place. Where necessary, the school will contact you directly.

### **Attendance Information**

Each Friday, you will also receive a summary of your child's attendance for the previous week, showing their attendance for each morning (AM) and afternoon (PM) registration.

In addition, if a student in Years 7 to 11 is late to three or more registrations in a single week, parents will be contacted, and the student will be required to attend an after-school sanction the following Friday.

In Sixth Form, if a student owes up to 45 minutes of late time to form time and/or lessons, this is made up in lunchtime detention; if over 45 minutes, we will contact you and it will be made up after school, to include removal of home study in Year 13. For all students, this time will be used productively to catch up missed work or participate in other learning activities.

We hope that this increased level of communication will strengthen the partnership between school and home and, ultimately, support all students in achieving their full potential.

### **Accessing Your Child's Information via SIMS Parent**

#### **SIMS online account**

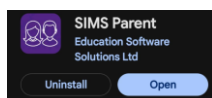
Parents can access their child's school information by visiting <https://www.sims-parent.co.uk/> using any web browser and logging in with their SIMS Online Account credentials.

#### **For parents of Waddesdon students in Years 8 –13**

You should have already received login details. These credentials remain the same. If you require support, please visit the following web address for a comprehensive set of resources - <https://www.waddesdonschool.com/communications/> . If you did not register within three months of receiving your registration code or cannot resolve your issue using the online resources, please contact Duncan Purchase via [office@waddesdonschool.com](mailto:office@waddesdonschool.com) for support.

**For parents of new students in Years 7–12** - you will receive your login details shortly.

#### **SIMS App**



For parents wishing to access the app, please download the appropriate application and log in using the details previously provided to you.

Please see the attached pdf document with instructions to assist you with your SIMS account.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mr Maciejewski  
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