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# **MIS COURSE BROCHURE**

MIS TRAINING COURSE SCHEDULE FOR THE 16/17 ACADEMIC YEAR

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# **Training Summary**

#### Introduction

Welcome to the Education ICT MIS training brochure, for the 16/17 academic year. Enclosed are full details of all our training courses available.

Due to the fact that we schedule all our training course a year in advance, the published dates and times may be subject to change. If courses are re-scheduled the new dates and times will appear on our online course booking system and all existing delegates will be notified.

All our training courses are held at our dedicated training room, on the fourth floor of our main office at Francis House (E13 9PJ), unless otherwise stated. All courses are typically free for schools that have a Service Level Agreement. Non-supported schools who wish to attend SIMS Training Courses will be charged, as detailed below.

#### **Course Booking & Charges**

Courses can be booked by schools via the NPW website <u>www.npw.uk.com</u>, or by calling the Education ICT helpdesk on 020 8249 6900 (option 2 and option 2 again for SIMS/Admin Support). We can also offer bespoke training, either on site or in our training room at an additional cost, as detailed below

COURSE TYPE	SCHOOLS WITH SLA	SCHOOLS WITHOUT SLA
FULL DAY COURSE	Free	£199.00
HALF DAY COURSE	Free	£105.00

#### **Bespoke Training**

In addition to our scheduled training courses we do offer a bespoke training service where a school can specify the content and format of a bespoke training session either conducted at NPWs dedicated training room or onsite at a school.

BESPOKE TRAINING TYPE	CHARGE
HALF DAY COURSE	£261.60
FULL DAY COURSE	£504.91
TWILIGHT COURSE	£239.61

#### NOTE:



Additional time may also be quoted for any additional preparation required. In order to ensure these are effective, we recommended a maximum of 16 attendees for our bespoke training sessions.

#### **Training Course Cancellation Policy**

If you wish to cancel a course booking you must call the Education ICT helpdesk or inform the course tutor. Schools that fail to inform NPW, Education ICT of cancellation of attendance may be charged the full cost of the training.

If you have any queries regarding the Education ICT training program, please contact the helpdesk by telephone on 020 8249 6900 (option 2 and option 2 again for SIMS/Admin Support) or e-mail <a href="https://www.ict.org/ict.englistics.pdf">ict.org/ict.englistics.pdf</a> (option 2 and option 2 again for SIMS/Admin Support) or e-mail <a href="https://www.ict.englistics.pdf">ict.org/ict.englistics.pdf</a> (option 2 and option 2 again for SIMS/Admin Support) or e-mail

# **TRAINING CALENDAR 16/17**

# AUTUMN

DATE	COURSE TITLE
14 Sept 2016	Completing the Termly Return to the LA
15 Sept 2016	Introduction to SIMS
16 Sept 2016	FMS Introduction – New Users – Day 1 of 2
20 Sept 2016	Personnel – New Users
21 Sept 2016	Attendance – New users
22 Sept 2016	School Census October 2016 – New Users
22 Sept 2016	Assessment Manager – Getting Started - Day 1 of 2 – New Users
23 Sept 2016	SIMS Core Function – Day 1 of 2
26 Sept 2016	Exams Organiser – Processing Entries - Day 1 of 2
27 Sept 2016	Staff Performance in SIMS Personnel
27 Sept 2016	Lesson Monitor – New Users
28 Sept 2016	FMS Introduction – New Users – Day 2 of 2
28 Sept 2016	SIMS Core Function Day 2 of 2
30 Sept 2016	SIMS Course Manager & Academic Management
30 Sept 2016	School Census October 2016 - Refresher
03 Oct 2016	Exams Organiser – Processing Entries - Day 2 of 2
03 Oct 2016	School Workforce Census 2016 - New users
04 Oct 2016	School Census October 2016 - Refresher
04 Oct 2016	SIMS Behaviour Management (all phases)
05 Oct 2016	Dinner Money – New User
05 Oct 2016	Assessment Manager - Programmes of Study - Primary
06 Oct 2016	Introduction to SIMS Reporting
11 Oct 2016	Pupil Premium Data in SIMS.net
11 Oct 2016	FMS Equipment Register
12 Oct 2016	Assessment Manager – Getting Started - Day 2 of 2 – New Users
12 Oct 2016	Exams Organiser – Preparing Domestic Exams
13 Oct 2016	School Workforce Census 2016 - Refresher
13 Oct 2016	Recording SEN in SIMS.net
14 Oct 2016	Excel 2013 - Introduction
17 Oct 2016	FMS – Accounts Receivable
18 Oct 2016	Using CTFs
18 Oct 2016	PSFinancials –End of Year
19 Oct 2016	SIMS Cover Management – New Users - Secondary
19 Oct 2016	Discover - Introduction
20 Oct 2016	FMS – BACS Processing
01 Nov 2016	SIMS.net for Senior Leaders

01 Nov 2016	Discover Assessment - Primary
02 Nov 2016	FMS – Top Tips and Techniques
02 Nov 2016	School Workforce Census 2016 - Refresher
08 Nov 2016	Assessment Manager for SLT - Primary
08 Nov 2016	HCSS – 5 year Budgeting Tool
09 Nov 2016	SIMS Profiles
11 Nov 2016	Timetable Maintenance & Alternative Curriculum – Secondary
15 Nov 2016	Assessment Manager – Reporting
16 Nov 2015	IMS User Group Meeting – Primary/Special and Nursery
16 Nov 2015	IMS User Group Meeting – Secondary
17 Nov 2016	Assessment Manager - Pupil Tracking – Advanced
17 Nov 2016	SIMS System Management
18 Nov 2016	SIMS Reporting – Intermediate – Existing Users
22 Nov 2016	Assessment Manager – Data Analysis – Primary & Secondary
23 Nov 2016	SIMS Surgery
24 Nov 2016	MS Excel 2013 - Intermediate
25 Nov 2016	MS Word 2013 - Introduction
01 Dec 2016	Tidying your SIMS data
09 Jan 2017	Introduction to SIMS
10 Jan 2017	Exams Organiser – Processing & Analysing Results
10 Jan 2017	School Census January 2017 - New user
12 Jan 2017	School Census January 2017 – Refresher
16 Jan 2017	School Census January 2017 – Refresher
17 Jan 2017	Attendance - New user
18 Jan 2017	FMS Introduction - New users - Day 1 of 2
19 Jan 2017	SIMS Core Function - Day 1 of 2
24 Jan 2017	Assessment Manager - Getting Started - Day 1 of 2 – New Users
25 Jan 2017	Dinner Money - New User
25 Jan 2017	SIMS Core Function - Day 2 of 2
26 Jan 2017	Personnel – New User
31 Jan 2017	FMS - Introduction - New Users - Day 2 of 2
01 Feb 2017	SIMS Admissions (all phases)
02 Feb 2017	NOVA and Options
02 Feb 2017	Assessment Manager for SLT – Primary Schools
07 Feb 2017	Assessment Manager - Getting started - Day 2 of 2 – New Users
07 Feb 2017	FMS - EOY - New users
08 Feb 2017	HCSS - 5 Year Budget Tool
08 Feb 2017	Exams Organiser – Domestic Exams and Seating Organiser
09 Feb 2017	Introduction to SIMS Reporting
21 Feb 2017	SIMS Behaviour Management (all phases)

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	22 Feb 2017	Timetable Maintenance & Alternative Curriculum – Secondary
	23 Feb 2017	Recording SEN in SIMS.net
	24 Feb 2017	Assessment Manager - Programme of Study - Primary
	28 Feb 2017	CFR Overview
	28 Feb 2017	Using CTF's
	02 Mar 2017	NOVA - T6 Timetabling Day 1 of 4 – Secondary
	03 Mar 2017	FMS – BACS Processing
	07 Mar 2017	FMS - EOY – Refresher
07 Mar 2017		Cover Management - New Users – Secondary
	08 Mar 2017	Discover - Introduction - Primary & Secondary
	08 Mar 2017	Pupil Premium Data in SIMS.net
	09 Mar 2017	Assessment Manager - Pupil Tracking – Advanced
	09 Mar 2017	FMS Equipment Register
	13 Mar 2017	Staff Performance in SIMS Personnel
	14 Mar 2017	NOVA - T6 - Timetabling Day 2 of 4 – Secondary
	15 Mar 2017	IMS User Group – Primary/Special and Nursery
	15 Mar 2017	IMS User Group – Secondary
	16 Mar 2017	MS Excel 2013 – Introduction
	17 Mar 2017	SIMS System Management
	17 Mar 2017	Assessment Manager – Reporting
	20 Mar 2017	Profiles
	21 Mar 2017	MS Word 2013 – Intermediate
	22 Mar 2017	Tidying your SIMS Data
	23 Mar 2017	Assessment Manager - Further Data Analysis - Primary/Secondary
	23 Mar 2017	FMS – Accounts Receivable
	27 Mar 2017	SIMS Reporting - Intermediate - Existing Users
	28 Mar 2017	Discover – Assessment User – Primary
	29 Mar 2017	PS Financials - Introduction
	30 Mar 2017	FMS Reporting
	30 Mar 2017	
10	20 Apr 2017	NOVA-T6 Timetabling Day 3 of 4 – Secondary
SUMMER	21 Apr 2017	Dinner Money - New user
	25 Apr 2017	Introduction to SIMS
$\leq$	26 Apr 2017	FMS - Introduction - New Users - Day 1 of 2
$\leq$	27 Apr 2017	SIMS Behaviour Management (all phases)
	27 Apr 2017	Assessment Manager - KS1, KS2 & FSP Results - New users
		FMS BACS Processing
	03 May 2017	
		Assessment Manager - Day 1 of 2 - Getting Started
	04 May 2017	NOVA - T6 Timetabling Day 4 of 4 – Secondary

08 May 2017	Discover – Assessment User – Primary
09 May 2017	FMS Introduction - New Users - Day 2 of 2
10 May 2017	Lesson Monitor
10 May 2017	School Census - May 2017 - New Users
11 May 2017	Personnel - New User
12 May 2017	School Census - May 2017 – Refresher
15 May 2017	Programme of Study for the New Primary Curriculum
15 May 2017	Staff Performance in SIMS Personnel
16 May 2017	Assessment Manager - Day 2 of 2 - Getting Started
17 May 2017	SIMS Core Function - Day 2 of 2
18 May 2017	Timetable Maintenance & Alternative Curriculum – Secondary
23 May 2017	SIMS.net Pastoral End of Year Procedures – Secondary
23 May 2017	Assessment Manager - Key Stage Wizard - Secondary
24 May 2017	Introduction to SIMS Reporting
25 May 2017	MS Word 2013 - Introduction
07 Jun 2017	SIMS.net End of Year - Pr/Sp/Nur - New User
07 Jun 2017	FMS – Top Tips & Techniques
08 Jun 2017	SIMS Academic Management – End of Year - Secondary
08 Jun 2017	Using CTFs
13 Jun 2017	Exams Organiser – Processing and Analysing Results
13 Jun 2017	SIMS.net End of Year -Pr/Sp/Nur – Refresher
14 Jun 2017	Recording SEN in SIMS.net
14 Jun 2017	SIMS Admissions
15 Jun 2017	Assessment Manager - Pupil Tracking Advanced - Primary
16 Jun 2017	MS Excel 2013 - Introduction
20 Jun 2017	SIMS.net End of Year – Pr/Sp/Nur - Refresher
20 Jun 2017	FMS - Equipment Register
21 Jun 2017	Tidying your SIMS Data
22 Jun 2017	Updating and Applying Pupil Premium Data in SIMS
22 Jun 2017	Assessment Manager - Key Stage Wizard - Primary
23 Jun 2017	SIMS Surgery
27 Jun 2017	Cover Management – New Users - Secondary
28 Jun 2017	SIMS System Management
28 Jun 2017	Discover - Introduction
29 Jun 2017	SIMS Reporting - Intermediate - Existing Users
30 Jun 2017	PS Financials – End of Year
04 Jul 2017	MS Excel 2013 - Intermediate
05 July 2017	IMS User Group – Primary, Special and Nursery
05 July 2017	IMS User Group - Secondary
11 Jul 2017	SIMS Reporting Advanced – Existing Users

# **SIMS CORE**

#### Introduction to SIMS

# Aimed at

New users of SIMS .net. The course is suitable for administrative, teaching and management staff. No previous experience of SIMS .net is required.

#### **Course Outline**

This course is ideal for new users of SIMS .net that are responsible for recording and maintaining student information.

#### **Training Agenda**

- An overview of SIMS .net
- Configuring the Home Page
- Viewing pupil records and links
- User options and shortcuts
- Running pre-defined SIMS reports
- Using the documentation centre

#### **Knowledge Required**

Basic knowledge of the Windows environment would advantageous. No previous knowledge of SIMS .net is required.

#### Duration

Half Day

#### Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW.  $\pounds$ 105 per delegate for non-SLA schools.

#### **Required Documents**

Introduction to SIMS .net

Date	Time	Venue
15 <sup>th</sup> September 2016	13:15hrs to 16:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
9 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	13:15hrs to 16:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
25 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	09:15hrs to 12:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road

#### SIMS Core Function - Day 1 of 2

# **Important Note**

Please note that this is the first part of a two day course. Delegates should attend part 2 as well as this session.

# Aimed at:

New users of SIMS .net who require are regular users of the system. The course is suitable for administrative, teaching and management staff. No previous experience of SIMS .net is required.

# **Course Outline**

This course is ideal for new users of SIMS .net that are responsible for recording and maintaining student information.

# **Training Agenda**

- Brief overview of SIMS
- Managing pupil records
- Managing contact details
- Recording leavers and readmissions
- Importing and exporting CTFs
- Bulk update tool
- Managing agencies and agents
- Basic Reporting
- Pupil Admissions

#### **Knowledge Required**

Basic knowledge of the Windows environment would be an advantage. No previous knowledge of SIMS .net is required.

Users new to SIMS are advised to attend the Introduction to SIMS course first.

#### Duration

Half Day

#### Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW.  $\pm 105$  per delegate for non-SLA schools.

#### **Required Documents**

SIMS Core Function Day 1

Date	Time	Venue
23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2016	13:15hrs to 16:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
19 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	09:15hrs to 12:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2017	09:15hrs to 12:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road

#### SIMS Core Function - Day 2 of 2

# **Important Note**

Please note that this is the second part of a two day course. Delegates should attend part 1 as well as this session.

# Aimed at:

New users of SIMS .net who require are regular users of the system. The course is suitable for administrative, teaching and management staff. No previous experience of SIMS .net is required.

# **Course Outline**

This course is ideal for new users of SIMS .net that are responsible for recording and maintaining student information.

# **Training Agenda**

- Brief overview of SIMS
- Managing pupil records
- Managing contact details
- Recording leavers and readmissions
- Importing and exporting CTFs
- Bulk update tool
- Managing agencies and agents
- Basic Reporting
- Pupil Admissions

- Using admission groups
- Student bulk update tool

#### **Knowledge Required**

Basic knowledge of the Windows environment would be an advantage. No previous knowledge of SIMS .net is required.

Users new to SIMS are advised to attend the Introduction to SIMS course first.

# Duration

Half Day

#### Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW.  $\pm 105$  per delegate for non-SLA schools.

#### **Required Documents**

SIMS Core Function Day 2

Date	Time	Venue
28 <sup>th</sup> September 2016	13:15hrs to 16:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
25 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	09:15hrs to 12:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
17 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	09:15hrs to 12:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road

#### SIMS Admissions – Primary & Secondary

# Aimed at

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Administrative staff in primary schools who are responsible for pupil admissions and who wish to enter applicants records in advance into SIMS.

# **Course Outline**

This course will follow the process required for planning future admissions using Admission groups

# **Training Agenda**

- Creating an admission group for a future date
- Importing a Common Transfer File (CTF)
- Adding applicant record to an admission group
- Changing and applicants status
- Admitting and withdrawing applicants
- Standard reports on applicants

#### **Knowledge Required**

Knowledge of SIMS .net is required particularly maintaining pupil records.

#### Duration

Half Day

#### Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW.  $\pm 105$  per delegate for non-SLA schools.

#### **Required Documents**

SIMS.net Pupil Admissions

Date	Time	Venue
1 <sup>st</sup> February 2017	13:15hrs to 16:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
14 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	13:15hrs to 16:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road

#### Attendance – New Users

# Aimed at

Staff in School with responsibility for the day to day operation and management of attendance.

# **Course Outline**

The will cover the procedures in SIMS Attendance which enables you to meet the school's day to day statutory attendance monitoring needs and management of Attendance.

# **Training Agenda**

- Record attendance marks for pupils/students either manually or by Optical Mark Reader
- How to use the Take Register routines
- How to manage pupil attendance data know how to report attendance data to help monitor attendance at a range of levels

# **Knowledge Required**

Some basic knowledge of SIMS .net is required. Users new to SIMS are advised to attend the Introduction for New Users course first.

#### Duration

Half Day

#### Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW.  $\pm 105$  per delegate for non-SLA schools.

#### **Required Documents**

SIMS .net Attendance

Date	Time	Venue
21 <sup>th</sup> September 2016	13:15hrs to 16:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
17 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	13:15hrs to 16:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road

#### **Recording SEN in SIMS.net**

# Aimed at

SEN Co-ordinators and administrative staff who assist them (any school phase) who are new users of SIMS SEN

# **Course Outline**

The course will cover all aspects of entering details into SIMS .net relating to pupils/students who are on the SEN register.

# **Training Agenda**

- Overview of SEN in SIMS & SEN
  Setup
- Searching and viewing SEN information
- Sending SEN Messages
- Adding Reviews
- Defining Linked People
- Adding EHCP & linked documents

# **Knowledge Required**

Knowledge of SIMS .net would be an advantage. Users new to SIMS are advised to attend the Introduction for New Users course first.

#### Duration

Half Day

#### Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW.  $\pm 105$  per delegate for non-SLA schools.

# **Additional Information**

SEN data needs to be up to date in SIMS.net to ensure the statutory school census returns, which take place on a termly basis, accurately reflect the school population.

#### **Required Documents**

SIMS.net SEN

Date	Time	Venue
13 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	13:15hrs to 16:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2017	13:15hrs to 16:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
14 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	09:15hrs to 12:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road

# **Using CTFs**

# Aimed at

This can be used both as a refresher for users who have used CTFs in the past and also for new users who will be responsible for sending/receiving CTFs.

# **Course Outline**

This course encompasses all aspects of CTFs (Common Transfer Files). This will be both for pupils who are entering the school and those who are leaving.

# **Training Agenda**

- Overview of CTFs
- Creating CTFs for leavers and other types of CTF export
- Using the DFE secure website for sending and receiving CTFs
- Importing CTFs for new pupils and other types of CTF import
- Using the optional CTF Matching screen for new pupils

#### **Knowledge Required**

Users new to SIMS are advised to attend the Introduction for New Users course first.

#### Duration

Half Day

#### Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW.  $\pm 105$  per delegate for non-SLA schools.

# **Additional Information**

SEN data needs to be up to date in SIMS.net to ensure the statutory school census returns, which take place on a termly basis, accurately reflect the school population.

#### **Required Documents**

Using CTFs

Date	Time	Venue
18 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	09:15hrs to 12:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
28 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	13:15hrs to 16:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
8 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	13:15hrs to 16:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road

#### SIMS.net End of Year - Pr/Sp/Nur - New Users

# Aimed at

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Administrative staff in Primary, Nursery & Special Schools who are responsible for pupil and attendance records in SIMS, and who have not previously done the end of academic year procedures in SIMS.

#### **Course Outline**

This course will take the user through the steps needed to complete the end of year process in SIMS and to create a new academic year.

# **Training Agenda**

- Creating the 2017/2018 academic year dates
- New staff for September 2017
- Creating the pastoral structure (registration groups) for 2017/2018
- Promoting existing pupils from old to new registration groups
- Bulk leavers
- Printing new attendance OMR registers for September 2017

#### **Knowledge Required**

Users should have some basic knowledge of SIMS

#### Duration

Half Day

#### Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW.  $\pm 105$  per delegate for non-SLA schools.

#### **Required Documents**

SIMS End of Year Prim, Nur & Spec.pdf

Date	2	Time	Venue
7 <sup>th</sup> Ju	ine 2017	09:15hrs to 12:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road

#### SIMS.net End of Year - Pr/Sp/Nur - Refresher

#### Aimed at

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Administrative staff in Primary, Nursery & Special Schools who have are responsible for pupil and attendance records in SIMS, who have previously undertaken end of year procedures in SIMS. A separate course is available for new users.

#### **Course Outline**

This course will take the user through the steps needed to complete the end of year process in SIMS and to create a new academic year.

# **Training Agenda**

- Creating the 2017/2018 academic year dates
- New staff for September 2017
- Creating the pastoral structure (registration groups) for 2017/2018
- Promoting existing pupils from old to new registration groups
- Bulk leavers
- Printing new attendance OMR registers for September 2017

#### **Knowledge Required**

Good knowledge of SIMS & previous experience of completing the end of year process in SIMS.

#### Duration

Half Day

#### Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW.  $\pm 105$  per delegate for non-SLA schools.

#### **Required Documents**

SIMS End of Year Prim, Nur & Spec

Date	Time	Venue
13 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	13:15hrs to 15:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
20 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	09:15hrs to 11:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road

#### **SIMS Behaviour Management & Achievement**

# Aimed at

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Staff with responsibility for managing pupil behaviour incidents & achievements in SIMS.net together with administrative staff involved in recording such data. In addition, SLT staff may find the course useful to get an overview of the functionality available in SIMS.net to assist with the planning of an effective behaviour management strategy.

#### **Course Outline**

The course will cover all the routines for configuring and recording pupil behaviour incidents and achievements in SIMS .net

# **Training Agenda**

- An overview of the behaviour management system in SIMS.net
- Configuring the SIMS.net homepage to display a summary of Behaviour/Achievement
- Setting up the behaviour management system for your school & customising lookups
- Adding individual
  Behaviour/Achievement incidents
- Adding multi pupil incidents
- Entering incidents via the register and teacher shortcuts
- Viewing data in SIMS Discover

- Setting up and recording Detentions
- Using Report Cards in SIMS.net

#### **Knowledge Required**

Knowledge of core SIMS.net functionality will be expected.

#### Duration

Half Day

#### Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW. £105 per delegate for non-SLA schools.

#### **Required Documents**

Behaviour Management

Please print this document from the NPW website if you wish to have a hard copy to use during the course. (Online access will be available during the training session).

# **Additional Information**

The last 30min of the course will focus on configuring and recording detentions and report cards in SIMS.net, this will be optional as it may not be relevant for all schools.

Date	Time	Venue
4 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	13:15hrs to 16:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
21 <sup>st</sup> February 2017	13:15hrs to 16:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
27 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	09:15hrs to 12:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road

#### Updating and Applying Pupil Premium Data in SIMS.net

# Aimed at

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Staff with responsibility for updating and maintaining pupil premium data in SIMS.net. In addition, SLT staff, or those with responsibility for Pupil Premium, may find the course useful to get an overview of the functionality available in SIMS.net to monitor the performance of this vulnerable group.

# **Course Outline**

The course will cover all the routines for downloading and importing pupil premium data in SIMS.net before considering how this data can be used to track the performance of this group of pupils.

# **Training Agenda**

- Discussion about the use and meaning of the Pupil Premium indicator
- Downloading Pupil Premium data from the DFE
- Importing Pupil Premium data into SIMS.net
- Managing changes to this data
- Using Pupil Premium data in Assessment Manager & Attendance.
- Using Pupil Premium data in SIMS
  Discover

#### **Knowledge Required**

Some Knowledge of core SIMS.net functionality & Assessment would be useful.

#### Duration

Half Day

#### Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW.  $\pm 105$  per delegate for non-SLA schools.

#### **Required Documents**

Pupil Premium Guidance

Date	Time	Venue
11 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	09:15hrs to 12:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
8 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	13:15hrs to 16:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2017	09:15hrs to 12:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road

# PUPIL PERFORMANCE

#### Assessment Manager - Getting Started - Day 1 of 2

# **Important Note**

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# Aimed at

This course is recommended for any staff new to Assessment Manager and is prerequisite requirement to all the other assessment courses.

# **Course Outline**

At the conclusion of this 2 session course delegates will be able to design and create templates and marksheets in Assessment Manager.

After a review of data entry in marksheets, the basic building blocks used in Assessment Manager will be explained and then these concepts will be applied to building templates and marksheets.

#### **Training Agenda**

- An explanation of Assessment Manager
- Using Marksheets
- Exploring the basic building blocks in Assessment Manager

- Hands on practice creating the basic building blocks
- Creating a template
- Creating marksheets

#### **Knowledge Required**

No previous experience using Assessment Manager is necessary. The sessions are structured as workshops where the emphasis is on learning by doing, so a high degree of participation will be required and familiarity with SIMS will be expected.

#### Duration

Half Day

#### Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW.  $\pm 105$  per delegate for non-SLA schools.

#### **Required Documents**

Assessment Manager - Getting Started.

Date	Time	Venue
22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2016	13:15hrs to 16:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
24 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	09:15hrs to 12:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2017	13:15hrs to 16:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road

#### Assessment Manager - Getting Started - Day 2 of 2

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Half Day

#### Costs

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#### **Required Documents**

Assessment Manager - Getting Started.

Date	Time	Venue
12 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	09:15hrs to 12:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
7 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	09:15hrs to 12:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
16 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	09:15hrs to 12:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road

#### **Assessment Manager Pupil Tracking**

# Aimed at

This is suitable for the Assessment Coordinator or SLT with Assessment responsibility

# **Course Outline**

At the conclusion of this session delegates will be able to use tracking grids to monitor progress by individual and by cohort.

# **Training Agenda**

- Using the built in tracking grids
- Reviewing progress by individual and in groups
- Reviewing progress by term and by year and against expected progress Creating tracking grids from existing templates
- Creating your own tracking grid templates

#### **Knowledge Required**

Delegates should have previous experience using Assessment Manager or have attended the Getting Started course. This course does not include the process of building templates, which is covered in the two session Getting Started course.

#### Duration

Half Day

#### Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW.  $\pm 105$  per delegate for non-SLA schools.

#### **Required Documents**

Assessment Mgr - Tracking Grids.

Date	Time	Venue
17 <sup>th</sup> November 2016	09:15hrs to 12:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
9 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	09:15hrs to 12:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
15 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	09:15hrs to 12:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road

#### Assessment Manager KS1, KS2 and FSP Results

# Aimed at

Primary school Assessment coordinators or users responsible for entering and submitting End of Key Stage results.

# **Course Outline**

Assessment Manager will be used by all Primary schools for processing end of Key Stage results and Foundation Stage Profiles. A wizard is available that creates the necessary Marksheets and Reports. This session will take users through the process of setting up their systems, entering results and producing reports.

In addition the new Year 1 Phonics data recording will be explored.

For schools that run the Pupil tracking in SIMS, there will be an explanation and demonstration of the automatic link between Year 2 results and the KS1 return and between Year 6 results and the KS2 return.

# **Training Agenda**

- Importing the wizards
- Entering the data
- Creating the submission files
- Producing reports
- Linking pupil tracking and the keystage returns

#### **Knowledge Required**

Familiarity with Assessment Manager is necessary although detailed experience is not essential.

#### Duration

Half Day

#### Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW.  $\pm 105$  per delegate for non-SLA schools.

#### **Required Documents**

Assessment Mgr KS1, KS2 & FSP Results.

Date	Time	Venue
27 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	13:15hrs to 16:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road

#### **Assessment Manager for SLT – Primary**

# Aimed at

PUPIL PERFORMANCE

This is a session aimed at Senior Leaders focusing on how SIMS assessment manager can be used to realise an effective assessment strategy

# **Course Outline**

SIMS Assessment contains data about your pupils - their attainment and progress.

- As senior leaders are you using this information to the best advantage?
- Is it left to one person in school to provide information for SLT and Governors?
- When Ofsted visit they want to see how you are using your data e.g. the performance of the pupil premium children. How easy is it to demonstrate this?

This half day course gives simple and easy to use techniques that mean you can use your SIMS data to highlight high achievers, vulnerable groups etc to use in planning.

# **Training Agenda**

- Using marksheet filters to highlight attainment/progress of particular groups
- Using tracking grids to show cohort attainment/progress

- Using grade distributions within a group
- Using the Programme of Study to support the new curriculum

#### **Knowledge Required**

Knowledge of Assessment Manager is **NOT** a prerequisite.

#### Duration

Half Day

#### Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW.  $\pm 105$  per delegate for non-SLA schools.

#### **Required Documents**

Date	Time	Venue
8 <sup>th</sup> November 2016	09:15hrs to 12:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2017	13:15hrs to 16:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road

#### Assessment Manager Data Analysis Pri/Sec

# Aimed at

PUPIL PERFORMANCE

Assessment Coordinators or users who need to analyse performance. A knowledge of Assessment Manager is essential.

# **Course Outline**

Data collected in Assessment Manager can be used is many different ways to assist teachers, subject leaders, SMT and governors when planning. This course will show how to exploit this data quite easily in order to derive the maximum benefit.

# **Training Agenda**

- Showing Grade Distribution on a marksheet
- Using Group Filters
- Viewing grids
- Building a tracking grid template from scratch
- Changing name format on grids
- Importing a Progression Line
- Create a Progression Line analysis from an imported line
- Use a Progression Line analysis to
- make comparisons with national data
- Creating the Progression Line from the school data

#### **Knowledge Required**

A good working knowledge of Assessment Manager.

#### Duration

Half Day

#### Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW.  $\pm 105$  per delegate for non-SLA schools.

#### **Required Documents**

Assessment Mgr - Tracking Grids.

Date	Time	Venue
22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2016	09:15hrs to 12:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road

#### **Assessment Manager Further Data Analysis**

# Aimed at

Assessment Coordinators or users who need to analyse performance. A knowledge of Assessment Manager is essential.

# **Course Outline**

Data in Assessment Manager can be analysed in great detail by considering the specific attributes of the data being captured. Analysis of this type will include: progress monitoring, performance comparison, graphical tools and exporting.

# **Training Agenda**

- Group Analysis including graphing results
- Aspect Analysis
- Result Set Analysis
- Trend Analysis against national lines
- Chance Analysis

#### **Knowledge Required**

A working knowledge of Assessment Manager.

#### Duration

Half Day

#### Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW.  $\pm 105$  per delegate for non-SLA schools.

#### **Required Documents**

Assessment Mgr Further Data Analysis

Date	Time	Venue
23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2017	09:15hrs to 12:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road

#### **Assessment Manager Reporting**

# Aimed at

PUPIL PERFORMANCE

This is suitable for delegates with previous experience using Assessment Manager.

# **Course Outline**

Individual Reports in Assessment Manager enable customised pupil reports to be generated from Assessment information in SIMS. These can then be used as part of the report(s) for parents and/or saved in the Linked Documents to form part of the student history. At the conclusion of this session delegates will be able to design reports detailing pupil progress using both templates supplied with SIMS and also by creating custom templates. Running the reports to print or upload to the SIMS Document Management Server will be included.

#### **Training Agenda**

- Creating reports from existing templates
- Previewing, Uploading and Exporting the reports
- Editing existing templates
- Creating new templates
- Including graphs

# **Knowledge Required**

Familiarity with Assessment Manager is necessary although detailed experience is not essential.

#### Duration

Half Day

#### Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW.  $\pounds$ 105 per delegate for non-SLA schools.

#### **Required Documents**

Assessment Mgr 4 - Reports & Utilities.

Date	Time	Venue
15 <sup>th</sup> November 2016	09:15hrs to 12:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
17 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	13:15hrs to 16:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road

#### **Discover - Introduction**

# Aimed at

This course is suitable for a multitude of staff roles that require student statistics and analysis quickly in visualised formats. This course is suitable for all school phases.

# **Course Outline**

Discover is a new product that runs alongside but separately from SIMS. It allows SIMS data to be analysed in graphical form by creating charts and graphs on demand.

# Training Agenda

- How Discover works
- Exploring the Discover interface
- Creating graphs
- Using filters in graphs
- Creating Venn analysis
- Creating Discover groups

# **Knowledge Required**

Basic knowledge of the Windows environment would be an advantage. No previous knowledge of Discover is required but a basic understanding of data contained in SIMS .net would assist.

#### Duration

Half Day

#### Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW.  $\pm 105$  per delegate for non-SLA schools.

# **Required Documents**

Discover - Introduction.

Date	Time	Venue
19 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	13:15hrs to 16:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
8 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	09:15hrs to 12:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
28 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	13:15hrs to 16:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road

#### **Discover – Assessment User - Primary**

# Aimed at

Assessment coordinators or any other staff interested in generating assessment graphs in SIMS Discover.

# **Course Outline**

The course will consider how assessment information held in SIMS can be displayed and analysed in SIMS Discover.

# **Training Agenda**

- The relationship between Discover and SIMS Assessment
- The Discover Interface
- Creating Discover charts and VENN diagrams
- Defining, calculating and using Discover aspects
- The Discover Configuration utility
- Customising the pre-defined Discover Assessment graphs
- Creating new Discover Assessment graphs

#### **Knowledge Required**

Previous attendance on the Discover Intro course, or a working knowledge of Discover. Familiarity with and experience using SIMS assessment is <u>essential</u>.

#### Duration

Half Day

#### Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW.  $\pm 105$  per delegate for non-SLA schools.

#### **Required Documents**

Discover - 6 Managing Assessment Graphs.

Date	Time	Venue
1 <sup>st</sup> November 2016	13:15hrs to 16:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
28 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	13:15hrs to 16:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
8 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	13:15hrs to 16:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road

# **SIMS** Profiles

# Aimed at

Staff responsible for managing pupil termly reports.

# **Course Outline**

The SIMS Profiles program allows schools to produce pupil profiles (i.e. termly reports) based on a Microsoft Word report template that can be fully configured to suit the needs of a school. The generated pupil reports can be attached to a pupil's record in SIMS and printed off to be sent to parents. The body of the profile is built by teachers selecting specific comments from a comment bank. Free text may also be added to the selected comments. Comments can also be triggered from results in Assessment Manager. The course covers all stages of the profiles process.

# Training Agenda

- Designing/Importing comment banks & free text comment sections
- Setting up a Profiles session
- Designing a school report template including links to Attendance, Assessment & Behaviour Management
- Advising teachers on how to select and amend comments, enter free text, etc.
- Reviewing and approving pupils profile reports

- Generating and printing final profile reports
- Linking reports/profiles to individual pupil records

# **Knowledge Required**

No Previous knowledge of SIMS Profiles is necessary. However, familiarity with SIMS.net and Microsoft Word will be expected.

# Duration

Full Day

# Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW. £199 per delegate for non-SLA schools.

# **Required Documents**

#### Profiles

Please print this document from the NPW website if you wish to have a hard copy to use during the course. (Online access will be available during the training session).

# Additional Info

During the training Office 2010 will be used.

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9 <sup>th</sup> November 2016	09:15hrs to 15:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
20 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	09:15hrs to 15:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road

# **FINANCE & PERSONNEL**

#### FMS Introduction - New Users - Day 1 of 2

#### **Important Note**

Please note that this is the first part of a two day course. Delegates should attend part 2 as well as this session.

# Aimed at

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New starter to FMS, i.e. School Bursars, Finance Officer and Admin Staff

# **Course Outline**

This course will take the user through the basic steps needed to use FMS, and give the user a good understanding on how to maintain FMS for everyday use.

#### **Training Agenda**

- Understanding the setup of FMS including the General Ledger Structure
- Processing Purchase Orders and Invoices
- Cheque book processes and bank reconciliations
- Non-Invoiced income for receipts
- Petty Cash Transactions

 Creating Books - including Purchase Order and Cheque Books

#### **Knowledge Required**

No previous experience is required.

#### Duration

Full Day

#### Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW.  $\pm 105$  per delegate for non-SLA schools.

#### **Required Documents**

Date	Time	Venue
16 <sup>th</sup> September 2016	09:15hrs to 15:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
18 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	09:15hrs to 15:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
26 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	09:15hrs to 15:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road

#### FMS Introduction New Users – Day 2 of 2

#### **Important Note**

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# Aimed at

New starter to FMS, i.e. School Bursars, Finance Officer and Admin Staff

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- Petty Cash Transactions
- Creating Books including Purchase Order and Cheque Books

#### **Knowledge Required**

No previous experience is required.

#### Duration

Half Day

#### Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW.  $\pm 105$  per delegate for non-SLA schools.

#### **Required Documents**

Date	Time	Venue
28 <sup>th</sup> September 2016	09:15hrs to 12:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
31 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	09:15hrs to 12:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
09 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	09:15hrs to 12:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road

#### FMS - Completing the Termly Return for the LA

# Aimed at

Newham Management and administrative staff who use FMS and who are responsible for submitting the monthly and quarterly returns to LBN

# **Course Outline**

The session will take the user through the process of producing the quarterly and monthly returns and reports, as required by LBN.

# **Training Agenda**

- Return(s) required by the LA
- Running reports for the LA in FMS
- Closing periods
- Fund to Bank Journals
- Adding the Cash advance to the system

#### **Knowledge Required**

Must have a good working knowledge of FMS.

#### Duration

Half Day

#### Costs

Nil cost for Newham schools.

#### **Required Documents**

Date	Time	Venue
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14 <sup>th</sup> September 2016	10:00hrs to 11:30hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
14 <sup>th</sup> September 2016	12:00hrs to 13:30hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
14 <sup>th</sup> September 2016	14:00hrs to 15:30hrs	Francis House, Barking Road

### HCSS – 5 Year Budgeting Tool

### Aimed at

School Bursars, Finance Officer and school Business Manager who will be monitoring their budget on a 5 year cycle.

### **Course Outline**

This course will take the user through the steps of setting up and creating various budgets online with the ability to plan numerous financial scenarios.

### **Training Agenda**

- Setting up and creating new users of HCSS
- Creating various scenarios
- Setting up staff profiles
- Create scenarios to develop a five year plan
- Create various reports from HCSS

### **Knowledge Required**

Attendees should have a working knowledge of FMS, and must have purchased the HCSS web software.

### Duration

Half Day

### Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW.  $\pounds$ 105 per delegate for non-SLA schools.

### **Required Documents**

HCSS Manual

Date	Time	Venue
8 <sup>th</sup> November 2016	13:15hrs to 16:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
8 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	09:15hrs to 12:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road

### **Dinner Money - New Users**

### Aimed at

Finance and office staff in primary schools with responsibility for the administration of school dinner money.

### **Course Outline**

This course is an introduction to using SIMS to record dinner money information.

### **Training Agenda**

- Setting up the module including default meal patterns,
- Producing registers and integrating with Attendance,
- Recording staff payments,
- Banking staff payments
- Other procedures in SIMS .net.

### **Knowledge Required**

An understanding of how SIMS is used to maintain and update pupil information.

### Duration

Half Day

### Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW.  $\pm 105$  per delegate for non-SLA schools.

### **Required Documents**

- Dinner Money

Date	Time	Venue
5 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	09:15hrs to 12:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
25 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	09:15hrs to 12:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
21 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	09:15hrs to 12:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road

### **Personnel - New Users**

### Aimed at

This course is aimed at new users of Personnel, who are responsible for updating and maintaining personnel, professional and contractual information for school staff.

### **Course Outline**

This training course is designed to assist staff in maintaining their school's Personnel information within SIMS .net.

### **Training Agenda**

- Add new and edit existing personnel records
- Entering leavers
- Promotions and other data adjustments
- Maintain Personnel data to support areas of SIMS including, FMS and Statutory Returns including School Workforce Census
- Produce standard reports and basic user defined reports for data checking purposes.

### **Knowledge Required**

Knowledge of SIMS .net would be an advantage.

### Duration

Half Day

### Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW.  $\pm 105$  per delegate for non-SLA schools.

### **Required Documents**

- Personnel for New User's

Date	Time	Venue
20 <sup>th</sup> September 2016	09:15hrs to 12:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
26 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	09:15hrs to 12:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
11 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	09:15hrs to 12:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road

### **Staff Performance in SIMS Personnel**

### Aimed at

This course is aimed at existing users who are familiar with the functionality of SIMS Personnel and who wants to gain an understanding of the functionality contained within the new optional Staff Performance Appraisal module.

### **Course Outline**

This course will give users an understanding of the Staff Performance appraisal module in SIMS.

### **Training Agenda**

- Setting up a line management structure
- Setting up and configuring permissions
- Customising lookups and settings
- Recording and managing staff objectives
- Recording and managing observations
- Recording and managing reviews
- Reporting on Staff performance

### **Knowledge Required**

Knowledge of SIMS .net would be an advantage.

### Duration

Half Day

### Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW.  $\pm 105$  per delegate for non-SLA schools.

### **Required Documents**

- Staff Performance in SIMS Personnel

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### FMS – Equipment Register (Asset Register)

### Aimed at

Staff who are responsible for maintaining the school inventory.

### **Course Outline**

This course covers the setup and day to day running of Equipment Register. It will enable the school to monitor the school equipment for insurance and planning purposes.

### **Training Agenda**

- Setup Equipment Register including users
- Populate the Register via FMS or manual entry
- Locate and Relocate Equipment
- Allocating Staff Responsible and changing Responsibilities
- Setup and run Equipment Inspections
- Setup and run Stock Take
- Record the disposal of equipment
- Analyse the equipment using the various reports available.

### **Knowledge Required**

Delegates must have a basic understanding of FMS, such as order processing etc.

### Duration

Half Day

### Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW.  $\pm 105$  per delegate for non-SLA schools.

### **Required Documents**

- FMS Equipment Register

Date	Time	Venue
11 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	13:15hrs to 15:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
9 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	13:15hrs to 15:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
20 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	13:15hrs to 15:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road

### FMS – Accounts Receivable

### Aimed at

Management and administrative staff who use FMS and who wish to invoice for services provided.

### **Course Outline**

Accounts Receivable is an efficient way of schools recording income for services provided by school.

### Training Agenda

- How to define debtors and products
- Create invoices and credit notes
- Record receipts and process paying in slips
- Standard reports that are available

### **Knowledge Required**

Delegates must have a good working knowledge of FMS.

### Duration

Half Day

### Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW.  $\pm 105$  per delegate for non-SLA schools.

### **Required Documents**

- FMS - Accounts Receivable

Date	Time	Venue
17 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	13:15hrs to 16:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2017	13:15hrs to 16:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road

# FINANCE & PERSONNEL

### FMS – Top Tips & Techniques

### Aimed at

Staff responsible for maintaining financial information

### **Course Outline**

This course covers things that the user may not do every day, things you may have forgotten to do and things that may make your life easier.

By the end of the course the users will have learnt things that will help during their day to day usage of FMS.

### Training Agenda

- Add orders and invoices through the supplier view
- Cancel a cheque
- Cancel an order
- Debit and Credit Cards
- General Ledger Chart of Accounts
  Review
- Bank Balances
- Bank Corrections
- Cashbook Journals
- FMS Transaction Backup
- Non-Invoiced Income
- Reports

### **Knowledge Required**

A working knowledge of FMS is preferable.

### Duration

Half Day

### Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW.  $\pm 105$  per delegate for non-SLA schools.

### **Required Documents**

FMS – Top Tips and Techniques

Date	Time	Venue
2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2016	09:15hrs to 12:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
7 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	13:15hrs to 16:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road

## FINANCE & PERSONNEL

### FMS – End of Year - New Users

### Aimed at

Finance Officer/School Bursar/School Business Manager new to the process of FMS closedown.

### **Course Outline**

The course takes the user through the Year End procedures in FMS in line with the LA timings and regulations. The training will take delegates from the first preliminary closure to finalising the schools accounts.

### Training Agenda

- Creating a new financial year
- Preparing the school's accounts for preliminary closure
- Finalising the school's accounts

### **Knowledge Required**

A good working knowledge of FMS.

### Duration

Half Day

### Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW.  $\pm 105$  per delegate for non-SLA schools.

### **Required Documents**

FMS – End of Financial Year

Date	Time	Venue
7 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	13:15hrs to 16:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road

## FINANCE & PERSONNEL

### FMS – End of Year - Refresher

### Aimed at

This course is a refresher course and is therefore only suitable for users who have completed a FMS end of year procedure previously.

### **Course Outline**

The course takes the user through the Year End procedures in FMS in line with the LA timings and regulations. The training will take delegates from the first preliminary closure to finalising the schools accounts.

### **Training Agenda**

- Creating a new financial year
- Preparing the school's accounts for preliminary closure
- Finalising the school's accounts

### **Knowledge Required**

A good working knowledge of FMS.

### Duration

Half Day

### Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW.  $\pm 105$  per delegate for non-SLA schools.

### **Required Documents**

FMS – End of Financial Year

Date	Time	Venue
7 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	09:15hrs to 11:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road

### **FMS BACS Processing**

### Aimed at

School Bursars, Finance Officer and School Business Manager.

### **Course Outline**

BACS processing provides an alternative to Cheque Processing for paying Accounts Payable Invoices. A full range of functionality is provided, enabling the creation, management and cancellation of BACS payments.

### **Training Agenda**

- Setting Up and using BACS for the first time
- Setting up Suppliers to Accept BACS Payments
- Creating, Amending and Cancelling a BACS Payment Run in FMS
- Upload file to Lloydslink
- Manage Payment from Lloydslink
- Approve a payment batch

### **Knowledge Required**

Delegates must have an in-depth knowledge of FMS and will be making payments on the system.

### Duration

Half Day

### Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW.  $\pm 105$  per delegate for non-SLA schools.

### **Required Documents**

**BACS Processing Manual** 

Date	Time	Venue
20 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	09:15hrs to 12:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2017	09:15hrs to 12:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2017	09:15hrs to 12:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road

### SIMS REPORTING

### Introduction to SIMS Reporting

### Aimed at

Anyone who needs to create student or staff reports in SIMS.net

### **Course Outline**

This course will take the user through the process of running and previewing existing reports. Users will be shown how to edit existing reports and create new report designs. Different output formats will be considered including basic Word and Excel reports.

### **Training Agenda**

- Running and previewing reports
- Introduction to the report design wizard
- Editing existing reports
- Creating new reports using the report design wizard
- Automatic page breaks in Excel
- Improving the appearance of basic reports
- Creating a basic mailmerge document/address labels
- Creating an Analysis
- Report management (setting up favourites, deleting and importing/exporting reports)

### **Knowledge Required**

It is assumed that users have some experience of SIMS.net.

### Duration

Full Day

### Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW.  $\pounds$ 199 per delegate for non-SLA schools.

### **Required Documents**

Introduction to SIMS Reporting

Please print this document from the NPW website if you wish to have a paper copy to use during the course. (Online access will be available in the training session).

### **Additional Information**

During the training Office 2013 will be used.

Date	Time	Venue
6 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	09:15hrs to 15:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
9 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	09:15hrs to 15:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
24 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	09:15hrs to 15:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road

### **SIMS Reporting - Intermediate**

### Aimed at

Anyone who has either, attended a Reporting - Basic course, or has experience running and designing their own SIMS.net reports.

### **Course Outline**

This course will review some basic concepts before covering more advanced topics such as sub-reports and sub-report filtering and mailmerge, RTF and analysis reports.

### **Training Agenda**

- Recap of running & previewing reports and report filtering
- Recap of editing and creating reports using the report design wizard
- Using mailmerge to produce letters and labels
- Designing reports incorporating sub-reports and sub-report filtering
- RTF report templates
- Group reports
- Creating & Using Analysis reports
- Report Management (setting up favourites, deleting and importing/exporting reports)

### **Knowledge Required**

It is assumed that users have either attended an Introduction to Reporting course or have experience running and designing their own SIMS.net reports.

### Duration

Full Day

### Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW. £199 per delegate for non-SLA schools.

### **Required Documents**

SIMS.net Reporting - Intermediate

Please print this document from the NPW website if you wish to have a paper copy to use during the course. (Online access will be available in the training session).

### Additional Information

During the training Office 2013 will be used.

Date	Time	Venue
18 <sup>th</sup> November 2016	09:15hrs to 15:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
27 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	09:15hrs to 15:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
29 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	09:15hrs to 15:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road

### STATUTORY RETURNS

### School Census Oct 2016 – New Users

### Aimed at

Staff responsible for producing the School Census return for the DFE on the 6<sup>th</sup> October 2016. This course is intended for those who do not have any previous experience of completing a Census return.

### **Course Outline**

The course will look at preparing your Pupil, Exclusion and Attendance data in SIMS .net. It will also include how to produce and validate the Autumn School Census return file.

### **Training Agenda**

- Overview of the termly statutory returns
- Step by step guidance through the process of checking census data and generating the required files & reports.

### **Knowledge Required**

This course is intended for those who have not previously prepared and completed a Pupils Census return. However, a working knowledge of SIMS is required.

### Duration

Half Day

### Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW.  $\pm 105$  per delegate for non-SLA schools.

### **Required Documents**

Producing the Oct 2016 Census manual (available on the day)

DFE 2016-17 Census Guidance (available from August 2016)

Date	Time	Venue
22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2016	09:15hrs to 12:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road

### School Census Oct 2016 – Refresher

### Aimed at

Staff responsible for producing the School Census return for the DfE on the 6<sup>th</sup> October 2016. This course is intended for those who have previous experience of making a Census return and need a reminder on preparation and running the Census on the day.

### **Course Outline**

The course will look at preparing your Pupil, Exclusion and Attendance data in SIMS .net. It will also include how to produce and validate the Autumn School Census return file.

### **Training Agenda**

• Overview of the process of checking census data and generating the required files & reports.

### **Knowledge Required**

This course is intended for those who have previously prepared and completed a Pupils Census return.

### Duration

Half Day

### Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW.  $\pm 105$  per delegate for non-SLA schools.

### **Required Documents**

Producing the Oct 2016 Census manual (available from September 2016)

DFE 2016-17 Census Guidance (available from August 2016)

Date	Time	Venue
30 <sup>th</sup> September 2016	13:15hrs to 15:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
4 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	09:15hrs to 11:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road

### School Census Jan 2017 – New Users

### Aimed at

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Staff responsible for producing the School Census return for the DfE on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017. This course is intended for those who have no previous experience of making a Census return.

### **Course Outline**

The course will look at preparing your Pupil, Exclusion and Attendance data in SIMS .net. It will also include how to produce and validate the Spring School Census return file.

### **Training Agenda**

- Overview of the termly statutory returns
- Step by step guidance through the process of checking census data and generating the required files & reports.

### **Knowledge Required**

This course is intended for those who have not previously prepared and completed a Pupils Census return. However, a working knowledge of SIMS is required.

### Duration

Half Day

### Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW.  $\pm 105$  per delegate for non-SLA schools.

### **Required Documents**

Producing the Jan 2017 Census manual (available on the day)

DFE 2016-17 Census Guidance (available from August 2016)

Date	Time	Venue
10 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	13:15hrs to 16:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road

### School Census Jan 2017 – Refresher

### Aimed at

Staff responsible for producing the School Census return for the DfE on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017. This course is intended for those who have previous experience of making a Census return and need a reminder on preparation and running the Census on the day.

### **Course Outline**

The course will look at preparing your Pupil, Exclusion and Attendance data in SIMS .net. It will also include how to produce and validate the Spring School Census return file.

### **Training Agenda**

 Overview of the process of checking census data and generating the required files & reports.

### **Knowledge Required**

This course is intended for those who have previously prepared and completed a Pupils Census return.

### Duration

Half Day

### Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW.  $\pm 105$  per delegate for non-SLA schools.

### **Required Documents**

Producing the Jan 2017 Census manual (available from 10/01/17)

DFE 2016-17 Census Guidance (available from August 2016)

Date	Time	Venue
12 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	09:15hrs to 11:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
16 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	13:15hrs to 15:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road

### School Census May 2017 – New Users

### Aimed at

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Staff responsible for producing the School Census return for the DfE on the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017. This course is intended for those who have no previous experience of making a Census return.

### **Course Outline**

The course will look at preparing your Pupil, Exclusion and Attendance data in SIMS .net. It will also include how to produce and validate the Summer School Census return file.

### **Training Agenda**

- Overview of the termly statutory returns
- Step by step guidance through the process of checking census data and generating the required files & reports.

### **Knowledge Required**

This course is intended for those who have not previously prepared and completed a Pupils Census return. However, a working knowledge of SIMS is required.

### Duration

Half Day

### Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW.  $\pm 105$  per delegate for non-SLA schools.

### **Required Documents**

Producing the May 2017 Census manual (available on the day)

DFE 2016-17 Census Guidance (available from August 2016)

Date	Time	Venue
10 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	13:15hrs to 16:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road

### School Census May 2017 – Refresher

### Aimed at

Staff responsible for producing the School Census return for the DfE on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017. This course is intended for those who have previous experience of making a Census return and need a reminder on preparation and running the Census on the day.

### **Course Outline**

The course will look at preparing your Pupil, Exclusion and Attendance data in SIMS .net. It will also include how to produce and validate the Summer School Census return file.

### **Training Agenda**

 Overview of the process of checking census data and generating the required files & reports.

### **Knowledge Required**

This course is intended for those who have previously prepared and completed a Pupils Census return.

### Duration

Half Day

### Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW.  $\pounds$ 105 per delegate for non-SLA schools.

### **Required Documents**

Producing the May 2017 Census manual (available from 10/05/17)

DFE 2016-17 Census Guidance (available from August 2016)

Date	Time	Venue
12 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	09:15hrs to 11:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road

### School Workforce Census 2016 – New Users

### Aimed at

Staff in school responsible for producing the School Workforce Census return for the DfE on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016, who have not previously produced a SWC return.

### **Course Outline**

The course will take the user through the various stages of checking and ensuring that the data entered is ready for the School Workforce Return. The users will be show how to create and validate the information and generate the return.

### **Training Agenda**

- The data which will be collected by the School Workforce Census (SWC)
- How schools SIMS systems can be configured to provide the data
- How to prepare your staff data in SIMS .net
- It will also cover how to create and validate the Workforce Census return file, how to resolve data issues and how to send it to the LA.

### **Knowledge Required**

Good working knowledge of Personnel is needed. The ability to use Reporting within SIMS .net

### Duration

Half Day

### Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW.  $\pm 105$  per delegate for non-SLA schools.

### **Required Documents**

SIMS - School Workforce Census November 2016 - Preparing for and producing the return.

Date	Time	Venue
3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2016	13:15hrs to 16:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road

### School Workforce Census 2016 – Refresher

### Aimed at

Staff in school responsible for producing the School Workforce Census return for the DfE on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016, who have previously produced a SWC return.

### **Course Outline**

The course will take the user through the various stages of checking and ensuring that the data entered is ready for the School Workforce Return. The users will be show how to create and validate the information and generate the return.

### **Training Agenda**

- The data which will be collected by the School Workforce Census (SWC)
- How schools SIMS systems can be configured to provide the data
- How to prepare your staff data in SIMS .net
- It will also cover how to create and validate the Workforce Census return file, how to resolve data issues and how to send it to the LA.

### **Knowledge Required**

Good working knowledge of Personnel is needed. The ability to use Reporting within SIMS .net

### Duration

Half Day

### Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW.  $\pm 105$  per delegate for non-SLA schools.

### **Required Documents**

SIMS - School Workforce Census November 2016 - Preparing for and producing the return.

Date		Time	Venue
13 <sup>th</sup> Oct	ober 2016	09:15hrs to 11:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	ember 2016	13:15hrs to 15:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road

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### SIMS Course Manager & Academic Management - Secondary

### Aimed at

Timetablers and/or administrative staff who are responsible for maintaining Student Curriculum Assignments and Maintenance. Basic knowledge of SIMS .net is required and how curriculum classes work within a school will be an advantage.

### **Course Outline**

Academic Management in SIMS .net organises students into their specified curriculum classes defined in the timetable. These assignments can change throughout the year and this area provides the tools to accommodate these situations.

### **Training Agenda**

- Academic Structures
- Student Assignments
- Carousel Rotation
- Export and Import Class Memberships
- Alternative Curriculum
- Reports

### **Knowledge Required**

An understanding of the curriculum timetable setup for students would be an advantage.

### Duration

Half Day

### Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW.  $\pm 105$  per delegate for non-SLA schools.

### **Required Documents**

SIMS Academic Management

Date	Time	Venue
30 <sup>th</sup> September 2016	09:15hrs to 12:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road

### SIMS Pastoral End of Year - Secondary

### Aimed at

Administrative staff in Secondary Schools who are responsible for Student and attendance records in SIMS, and who have not previously done the end of year procedures in SIMS.

### **Course Outline**

This course will take the user through the steps needed to complete the end of year process in SIMS and to create a new academic year.

### **Training Agenda**

- Creating the 2016/2017 academic year dates
- New staff for September 2016
- Creating the pastoral structure (registration groups) for 2016/2017
- Promoting existing pupils from old to new registration groups
- Bulk leavers
- Printing new Registration reports for September 2016

### **Knowledge Required**

Users should have some basic knowledge of SIMS.

### Duration

Half Day

### Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW.  $\pm 105$  per delegate for non-SLA schools.

### **Required Documents**

SIMS Pastoral End of Year Sec

Date	Time	Venue
23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2017	09:15hrs to 12:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road

### **SIMS Academic Management EOY - Secondary**

### Aimed at

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Timetablers and/or administrative staff who are responsible for assigning students into classes on the new timetable in SIMS for September.

### **Course Outline**

This course will take the user through the steps needed to complete the academic end of year process in SIMS promoting curriculum classes.

### **Training Agenda**

- Promoting existing academic class memberships in SIMS
- Assigning students to new bands and classes in SIMS
- Printing Timetables and class lists

### **Knowledge Required**

Users should have working knowledge of SIMS

### Duration

Half Day

### Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW.  $\pm 105$  per delegate for non-SLA schools.

### **Required Documents**

Academic Management EOY

Date	Time	Venue
8 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	09:15hrs to 12:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road

### NOVA T6 Timetabling – Day 1 of 4

### Aimed at

Staff responsible for constructing the Timetable in secondary schools. Beginners to timetabling are advised to attend the course NOVA and Options for September first.

### **Course Outline**

The course is spread over 4 days to provide the knowledge and guidance to create a school timetable which will integrate into SIMS .net

### **Training Agenda**

- Timetable basedata subjects, teachers and rooms
- Timetable cycle details
- Curriculum plans bands, blocks and classes

### **Knowledge Required**

An understanding of school curriculum and timetable structures. Basic knowledge of SIMS .net Academic Management would be an advantage.

### Duration

Full Day

### Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW.  $\pounds$ 199 per delegate for non-SLA schools.

### **Required Documents**

NOVA-T6 1 Spring

Date	Time	Venue
2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2017	09:15hrs to 15:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road

### NOVA T6 Timetabling – Day 2 of 4

### Aimed at

Staff responsible for constructing the Timetable in secondary schools. Beginners to timetabling are advised to attend the course NOVA and Options for September first.

### **Course Outline**

The course is spread over 4 days to provide the knowledge and guidance to create a school timetable which will integrate into SIMS .net

### **Training Agenda**

- Allocating staff and other resources to classes
- Testing the curriculum model
- Curriculum analysis and costing

### **Knowledge Required**

An understanding of school curriculum and timetable structures. Basic knowledge of SIMS .net Academic Management would be an advantage.

### Duration

Full Day

### Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW.  $\pounds$ 199 per delegate for non-SLA schools.

### **Required Documents**

NOVA-T6 2 Spring

Date	Time	Venue
14 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	09:15hrs to 15:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road

### NOVA T6 Timetabling – Day 3 of 4

### Aimed at

Staff responsible for constructing the Timetable in secondary schools. Beginners to timetabling are advised to attend the course NOVA and Options for September first.

### **Course Outline**

The course is spread over 4 days to provide the knowledge and guidance to create a school timetable which will integrate into SIMS .net

### **Training Agenda**

- Manual scheduling
- Automatic scheduling
- Optimising the timetable distribution

### **Knowledge Required**

Delegates must have attended Days 1 & 2 of the training course.

### Duration

Full Day

### Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW.  $\pounds$ 199 per delegate for non-SLA schools.

### **Required Documents**

NOVA-T6 3 Summer

Date	Time	Venue
20 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	09:15hrs to 15:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road

### NOVA T6 Timetabling – Day 4 of 4

### Aimed at

Staff responsible for constructing the Timetable in secondary schools. Beginners to timetabling are advised to attend the course NOVA and Options for September first.

### **Course Outline**

The course is spread over 4 days to provide the knowledge and guidance to create a school timetable which will integrate into SIMS .net

### **Training Agenda**

- Rooming the timetable
- Using Manage Classroom Staff for staff leavers and new starters
- Exporting the finished timetable from Nova-T6 to SIMS
- Applying the new timetable in SIMS
- Adding the new DfE subject codes in SIMS
- Maintaining the new timetable with NOVA-T6 from September (including alternative curriculum

### **Knowledge Required**

Delegates must have attended Days 1, 2 & 3 of the training course.

### Duration

Full Day

### Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW.  $\pounds$ 199 per delegate for non-SLA schools.

### **Required Documents**

NOVA-T6 4 Summer

Date	Time	Venue
4 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	09:15hrs to 15:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road

### **Timetable Maintenance & Alternative Curriculum Sec**

### Aimed at

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This course is designed for Staff in schools which are responsible for making timetable changes throughout the academic year who do not have full timetabling knowledge.

### **Course Outline**

Throughout an academic year the school timetable is guaranteed to change, be it a simple room change or teacher leaving with a replacement joining. This is often a task that is given to the administrative staff that have little knowledge of the full timetable software. This course provides the required steps to make day to day timetable changes.

### **Training Agenda**

- Dealing with Teacher changes (leavers, new starters and amendments)
- Room Changes
- Teacher and Room Carousels
- Transferring the timetable from NOVA T6 to SIMS .net
- Maintenance Datasets
- Non-Class Codes
- Alternative Curriculum in NOVA T6 and SIMS .net

### **Knowledge Required**

This course is suitable for users who have knowledge of SIMS .net but have not used NOVA T6 before or had much experience with it.

### Duration

Half Day

### Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW.  $\pounds$ 105 per delegate for non-SLA schools.

### **Required Documents**

Timetable Maintenance

Date	Time	Venue
11 <sup>th</sup> November 2016	09:15hrs to 12:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2017	09:15hrs to 12:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
18 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	13:15hrs to 16:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road

### Lesson Monitor

### Aimed at

The SIMS Lesson Monitor module is used to record Student attendance on a session and lesson by lesson basis. Successful use of this module will ensure school attendance figures are kept up to date and student's presence in school can be monitored.

### **Course Outline**

This course is aimed at new users of Lesson Monitor, who ideally should have some basic knowledge of SIMS .net.

### **Training Agenda**

- Setting up Lesson Monitor
- Record lesson marks for students
- How to use the Take Register routines for advising teachers
- How to manage and monitor student lesson attendance data
- Reports and statistics

### **Knowledge Required**

Basic knowledge of a Windows environment and SIMS .net would be an advantage but not essential.

### Duration

Half Day

### Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW.  $\pm 105$  per delegate for non-SLA schools.

### **Required Documents**

Lesson Monitor

Date	Time	Venue
27 <sup>th</sup> September 2016	13:15hrs to 16:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
10 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	09:15hrs to 12:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road

### Cover Management – New Users - Secondary

### Aimed at

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Staff responsible for arranging classroom cover for teacher's absence in secondary schools who have not previously used Cover Management in SIMS .net.

### **Course Outline**

SIMS Cover enables cover supervisors to organise resources when accounting for staff absences and room closures. It links with the school timetable to ensure that lessons without teachers due to absence are covered.

### **Training Agenda**

- Setting up reasons for staff absence and room closures
- Setting up cover rotas
- Setting up rules for suspending classes or for classes not requiring cover
- Rules for prioritising staff available for cover
- Cover-related items in Manage Classroom Staff
- Adding staff absences in the Cover system and how they link to Personnel

- Arranging cover for classes whose teachers are absent
- Ad-hoc changes of staff or room
- Arranging invigilators for examinations
- Printing cover arrangements for a day
- Statistics reports and impact on classes reports

### **Knowledge Required**

Basic knowledge of a Windows environment and SIMS .net would be an advantage, but not essential.

### Duration

Half Day

### Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW.  $\pm 105$  per delegate for non-SLA schools.

### **Required Documents**

SIMS Cover Management

Date	Time	Venue
19 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	09:15hrs to 12:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
7 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	13:15hrs to 16:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
27 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	09:15hrs to 12:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road

### SIMS Options – New Users

### Aimed at

Staff with responsibility for administering options schemes. The course is suitable for both beginners and as a refresher. Beginners are advised to attend the course NOVA and Options for September first.

### **Course Outline**

The course will cover the use of the Options program for recording student's option choices for September and analysing them to arrive at the best fit options structure that satisfies as many student choices as possible.

### **Training Agenda**

- Creating a new Options Implementation
- Student Choices
- Allocating Students to classes
- Transferring to SIMS .net and NOVA T6

### **Knowledge Required**

Understanding of school Curriculum structures and basic knowledge of NOVA T6 & SIMS .net Academic Management

### Duration

Half Day

### Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW.  $\pm 105$  per delegate for non-SLA schools.

### **Required Documents**

SIMS Options

Date	Time	Venue
2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2017	09:15hrs to 12:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road

### Exams Organiser – Processing Entries - Day 1 of 2

### Aimed at

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Examinations Officers from secondary schools.

### **Course Outline**

This is a 2 day course for SIMS Examinations Organiser suitable for new Exams Officers. The complete Exams cycle will be considered with particular emphasis on making exam entries. Other courses are available for Seating Organiser, Domestic Exams and Results day.

Please note that this is a two day course and you should also book a place for the second part. It is important that you attend both days as Day 2 continues where Day 1 finished.

### **Training Agenda**

- Season definitions & patterns.
- Managing Basedata.
- Candidates Internal & External
- Entries and Amendments.
- Marksheets in Exams Organiser.
- Reports of entries, timetables etc.
- Configuration options and Housekeeping.

### **Knowledge Required**

A working knowledge of SIMS will be required but no previous knowledge of Exams Organiser is required

### Duration

Half Day

### Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW.  $\pm 105$  per delegate for non-SLA schools.

### **Required Documents**

Exams Organiser 1 Seasons and Entries.

Date	Time	Venue
26 <sup>th</sup> September 2016	09:15hrs to 12:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road

### Exams Organiser – Processing Entries - Day 2 of 2

### Aimed at

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Examinations Officers from secondary schools.

### **Course Outline**

This is a 2 day course for SIMS Examinations Organiser suitable for new Exams Officers. The complete Exams cycle will be considered with particular emphasis on making exam entries. Other courses are available for Seating Organiser, Domestic Exams and Results day.

Please note that this is the second part of a two day course. It is important that you attend both days as Day 2 continues where Day 1 finished.

### **Training Agenda**

- Season definitions & patterns.
- Managing Basedata.
- Candidates Internal & External
- Entries and Amendments.
- Marksheets in Exams Organiser.
- Reports of entries, timetables etc.
- Configuration options and Housekeeping.

### **Knowledge Required**

A working knowledge of SIMS will be required but no previous knowledge of Exams Organiser is required

### Duration

Half Day

### Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW.  $\pm 105$  per delegate for non-SLA schools.

### **Required Documents**

Exams Organiser 1 Seasons and Entries.

Date	Time	Venue
3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2016	09:15hrs to 12:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road

### Exams Organiser – Domestic Exams and Seating Organiser

### Aimed at

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Examinations Officers from secondary schools.

### **Course Outline**

This course is designed for Examinations Officers who wish to allocate specific seats for candidates or to use Exams Organiser to administer internal exams e.g. mocks, SATS etc.

### **Training Agenda**

- Initial planning Exam rooms.
- Setting sitting start times.
- Arranging seating.
- Printing timetables and plans.
- Seating Unit tests.
- Creating a Domestic Season.
- Gradesets for Exams.
- Creating basedata for the exams.
- Making entries and seating the candidates.
- Printing reports and timetables.
- Analysis of results.

### **Knowledge Required**

Experience using Exams Organiser is required.

### Duration

Half Day

### Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW.  $\pm 105$  per delegate for non-SLA schools.

### **Required Documents**

Exams Organiser 1 Seasons and Entries.

Date	Time	Venue
12 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	13:15-16:00	Francis House, Barking Road
8 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	13:15-16:00	Francis House, Barking Road

### Exams Organiser – Processing & Analysing Results

### Aimed at

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Examinations Officers or users who are responsible for processing and analysing Examination results.

### **Course Outline**

Importing exam results and producing reports for SLT and HODs. Producing the Statement of Results. Any latebreaking news from Capita relating to Results day will be included.

### **Training Agenda**

- Importing results.
- Producing reports.
- Analysing results in Exams Organiser.
- Viewing results in Assessment Manager.
- Analysis in Performance Analysis.
- Housekeeping for EDI files, marksheets and seasons
- The course will contain late breaking news relating to Results Day

### **Knowledge Required**

Experience using Exams Organiser is required.

### Duration

Half Day

### Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW.  $\pm 105$  per delegate for non-SLA schools.

### **Required Documents**

Exams Organiser 6 Results Day Survival Kit.

Date	Time	Venue
10 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	09:15hrs to 12:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
13 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	09:15hrs to 12:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road

### MICROSOFT OFFICE

### **MS Word 2013 - Introduction**

### Aimed at

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This course is aimed at admin and management staff who required to use word processing skills

### **Course Outline**

This is a one day Word Intermediate course designed to advance users' knowledge of the features within Word 2013.

### **Training Agenda**

- Overview of Word 2013 screen layout
- Page Setup Changing margins and paper orientation
- Creating, Saving, Printing and Closing a Document
- Open and Editing existing documents
- Viewing a document Normal, Page Layout
- Selecting, Editing and Formatting text
- Using the spell checker
- Bullets and Numbering

- Inserting and working with basic tables
- Paragraph formatting

### **Knowledge Required**

No previous experience of Microsoft Word is required but delegates must have a basic knowledge of using a PC, keyboard and mouse.

### Duration

Full Day

### Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW.  $\pounds$ 199 per delegate for non-SLA schools.

### **Required Documents**

Word 2013 Introduction

Date	Time	Venue
25 <sup>th</sup> November 2016	09:15hrs to 15:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
25 <sup>st</sup> May 2017	09:15hrs to 15:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road

### MICROSOFT OFFICE

### MS Word 2013 - Intermediate

### Aimed at

This course is for admin and management staff within a school that require in depth word processing skills on a regular basis.

### **Course Outline**

This is a one day Word Intermediate course designed to advance users' knowledge of the features within Word 2013.

### **Training Agenda**

- Formatting Text
- Formatting tables
- Mail Merge
- Styles
- Working with Sections
- Contents Page
- Templates
- Automatic Paragraph Numbering
- Working with Sections

### **Knowledge Required**

Delegates must have a working knowledge of using a PC, a keyboard and mouse. Delegates should have attended our Word 2013 Introduction course, or have equivalent experience with Word.

### Duration

Full Day

### Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW.  $\pounds$ 199 per delegate for non-SLA schools.

### **Required Documents**

Word 2013 Intermediate

Date	Time	Venue
21st March 2017	09:15hrs to 15:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road

### **MS Excel 2013 - Introduction**

### Aimed at

This course is for admin and management staff within a school that require in depth word processing skills on a regular basis.

### **Course Outline**

This whole day course will give users an overview of creating and maintaining Excel spreadsheets.

### **Training Agenda**

- Creating, Saving, Printing and Closing Workbooks
- Entering Data
- Formatting Cells, Resizing, Inserting, Deleting rows and columns
- Using basic formulae
- Worksheet Printing Setup
- Page Breaks (Inserting and Removing)
- Cut, Copy, Paste, Insert Cut Cells and Drag and Drop
- Working with Lists (AutoFilter and Sort)
- Creating and Editing Charts

### **Knowledge Required**

Delegates must have a working knowledge of using PCs, a keyboard and mouse.

### Duration

Full Day

### Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW.  $\pounds$ 199 per delegate for non-SLA schools.

### **Required Documents**

Excel 2013 Introduction

Date	Time	Venue
14 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	09:15hrs to 15:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
16 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	09:15hrs to 15:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
16 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	09:15hrs to 15:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road

### MS Excel 2013 - Intermediate

### Aimed at

This course is aimed at admin and management staff within a school who have an understanding of Excel.

### **Course Outline**

This one day Excel Intermediate course is designed to advance users' knowledge of the features & functions within Excel 2013.

### **Training Agenda**

- Working with Multiple Worksheets & Workbooks
- Working with Formulæ
- Logical functions and the IF statement
- LOOKUP functions
- Conditional Formatting
- Charting Data

### **Knowledge Required**

Delegates should have attended the Excel 2013 Introduction course.

### Duration

Half Day

### Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW.  $\pm 105$  per delegate for non-SLA schools.

### **Required Documents**

Excel 2013 Intermediate

Date	Time	Venue
24 <sup>th</sup> November 2016	13:15hrs to 16:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
30 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	13:15hrs to 16:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
4 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	13:15hrs to 16:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road

### DATA MANAGEMENT

### **Tidying your SIMS Data Workshop**

### Aimed at

Administrative officers in Primary or Secondary schools who manage addresses and contacts in SIMS .net

### **Course Outline**

This course is designed to assist with the tidying of addresses, contacts and other data. You will be guided through the use of various automated routines in order to ensure integrity of data.

### **Training Agenda**

- The Bulk Address Tools in SIMS .net
- Address Validation when entering addresses
- Avoiding duplicating addresses and contacts when entering pupil records
- Ensuring all siblings to have the 'little house' against their parental contacts
- Parental responsibility and other contact 'tick boxes'
- Supervised hands on to your school data

### **Knowledge Required**

Knowledge of pupil records, adding contacts and addresses as well as other SIMS .net core functionality will be expected.

### Duration

Full Day

### Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW.  $\pounds$ 199 per delegate for non-SLA schools.

### **Required Documents**

Tidying Your SIMS Data

Please print this document from the NPW website if you wish to have a paper copy to use during the course. (Online access will be available in the training session).

### **Additional Info**

During the session it will be possible to connect to your school network and work on your own school data.

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1 <sup>st</sup> December 2016	09:15hrs to 15:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2017	09:15hrs to 15:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
21 <sup>st</sup> June 2017	09:15hrs to 15:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road

### **SIMS System Management**

### Aimed at

SIMS Managers, Office Managers and any other staff with overall responsibility for the SIMS system.

### **Course Outline**

This course will provide users with an Overview of System Manager. It will cover creating new users, changing permissions and assigning passwords.

### **Training Agenda**

- An overview of SIMS and its use
- How to manage users
- How to manage the permissions that determine access levels in SIMS
- Database housekeeping

### **Knowledge Required**

Delegates should have an understanding of the SIMS software suite.

### Duration

Half Day

### Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW.  $\pm 105$  per delegate for non-SLA schools.

### **Required Documents**

System Management

Date	Time	Venue
17 <sup>th</sup> November 2016	13:15hrs to 16:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
17 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	09:15hrs to 12:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
28 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	09:15hrs to 12:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road

### **SIMS SURGERY**

**SIMS Surgery Session** 

### Aimed at

All users with specific usage/data issues with SIMS.net, FMS or MSOffice.

### **Course Outline**

The surgery session gives all school staff the opportunity to spend some time in our training room with an admin advisor who can help with any specific SIMS related problems that you may have.

### **Training Agenda**

This is not a structured course but rather an opportunity for users to work on data specific issues with SIMS/admin advisors, who will be on hand to assist.

### **Knowledge Required**

None

### Duration

Half Day 'drop in' session

### Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW.  $\pm 105$  per delegate for non-SLA schools.

### **Required Documents**

None

### **Additional Info**

If booking on one of these sessions, please call the NPW helpdesk in advance, to discuss your requirements/issues, so we can ensure the session is adequately resourced.

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### **IMS USER GROUPS**

### IMS User Group - Primary, Nursery, Special

### Aimed at

Staff who are responsible for the management of SIMS and the admin ICT system. Please note that there is a limit of two places per school.

### **Course Outline**

NPW hosts a termly Information Management Strategy (IMS) user group meeting, to provide a forum for planning and discussion by school staff with responsibility for the management of SIMS and the admin ICT system. This is an opportunity to discuss new software developments and related issues, and to share best practice.

### Duration

Half Day

### Costs

Nil cost for schools that have an SLA with NPW.  $\pounds$ 105 per delegate for non-SLA schools.

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16 <sup>th</sup> November 2016	09:15hrs to 12:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
15 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	09:15hrs to 12:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road
5 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	09:15hrs to 12:00hrs	Francis House, Barking Road

### SIMS SURGERY

### IMS User Group – Secondary

### Aimed at

Staff who are responsible for the management of SIMS and the admin ICT system. Please note that there is a limit of two places per school.

### **Course Outline**

NPW hosts a termly Information Management Strategy (IMS) user group meeting, to provide a forum for planning and discussion by school staff with responsibility for the management of SIMS and the admin ICT system. This is an opportunity to discuss new software developments and related issues, and to share best practice.

### Duration

Half Day

### Costs

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### **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Contacting NPW**

The NPW phone number is **020 8249 6900**,

press **2** for Educational ICT, followed by

- 1 for Orders & Invoice queries
- 2 for MIS/Admin support (SIMS, FMS, RMIntegris, PSFinancials)
- **3** for Technical support
- 4 for Web and connectivity issues
- **5** for Curriculum ICT support

All admin training courses can be booked online via the NPW website (<u>www.npw.uk.com</u>). To book on training courses, or download relevant manuals and resources, navigate to the <u>Admin Support</u> area of the Education ICT section.

Calls can also be logged and tracked online via <a href="http://helpdesk.npw.uk.com">http://helpdesk.npw.uk.com</a>