

# SIMS PAY

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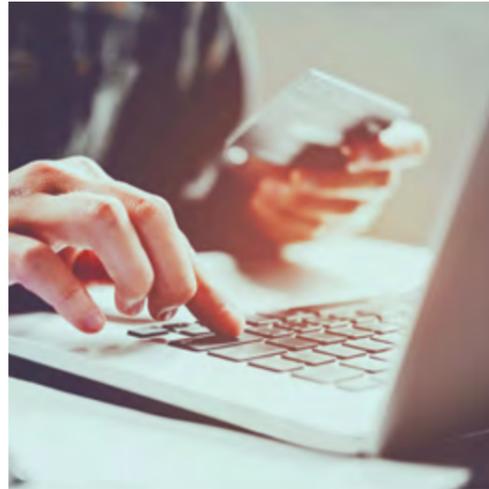
- Complete cashless income collection for schools
- Simple payment administration
- Data protection & payment security taken care of
- Seamless SIMS and cashless catering integration

# SCHOOL PAYMENTS MADE SIMPLE...

You want to focus on planning inspiring school activities - not complex payment collection and banking. SIMS Pay helps you collect payments and permissions from parents simply, securely and cost-effectively, with the SIMS you already use.

Whether it's for school meals, trips, clubs, transport, uniform or other school items, SIMS Pay helps parents make payments, purchase items and give parental consent for school activities. Parents also have the flexibility to make payments at their own convenience by accessing SIMS Pay from their smartphone, tablet or PC.

With all your payments in one place, SIMS Pay supports schools with their drive to improve efficiency by reducing costs and streamlining payment collection administration, saving hours of time. And with less cash around, your school can improve safeguarding and security for pupils and staff.



## FEATURES?

### FOR SCHOOLS

#### FULLY INTEGRATED WITH SIMS

Seamless integration with SIMS, means schools can keep on top of access rights and ensure you can invite your new intake to use the system at any time - saving time, improving efficiency and enhancing security.

#### EFFICIENTLY MANAGE PAYMENTS

Payments can be made using credit, debit cards, PayPoint or through the Post Office and also entered manually. Your school administrators can record payments on behalf of parents or even enter discretionary payments made by the school.

#### PROMOTE EVENTS

Schools can use SIMS Pay to promote events and manage the capacity for school performances. You can also track interest in current and historical products or trips and use as a way for parents to volunteer for school events.

#### ADDITIONAL SECURE ACCESS FOR YOUR SCHOOL

Ensuring your information is always secure is our priority. SIMS Pay parent payment system provides additional secure access through integrated two-factor (2FA) authentication. Schools don't have to complete PCI DSS Certification themselves, apply for a merchant account or pay any additional fees.

### FOR PARENTS

#### PAY BY INSTALMENT OPTION

Parents can choose to pay in full or by instalments. If the instalment option is selected, notifications can be sent to parents to inform them of when their next instalment is due.

#### SIMPLE PARENT PAYMENTS

Parents can make payments to the school and buy school items, such as school meals, trips, uniform, clubs, activities, events, concerts, donations and much more. Parents can also view their payments online, whether it's by debit card, cash, cheque, PayPoint or through the Post Office.

#### AUTOMATIC ALERTS

SIMS Pay keeps parents up-to-date with their school meal balances and alerts them when a new item is available to pay for. Integrated parent alerts send automatic reminders when a school meal balance needs topping up or an instalment is due to be paid.

#### SINGLE VIEW OF CHILDREN'S ACCOUNTS

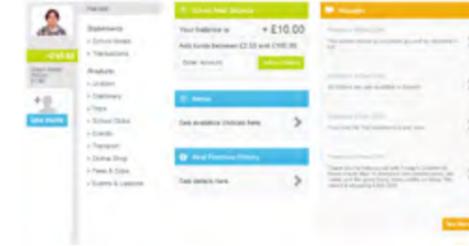
Parents can merge their children's accounts into one single view, even for children at different schools that also use SIMS Pay for online payments.

# SCREENSHOTS

## SIMPLE, EASY TO USE FOR PARENTS

1. Parents can see their children in one single view, even if they attend different schools
2. Displays the child's current meal balance and allows parents to top-up quickly

- 24/7 access for parents to check purchase history, statements and school meals taken
- Items are grouped into an easy-to-use menu - only showing when available and assigned for a specific year, class or group
- At-a-glance view of the child's school meal purchase history



## COLLECT PAYMENTS FOR SCHOOL ITEMS EASILY

1. Collect parent payments for a range of school items and activities
2. Set the maximum number of places available for events or number of items available to purchase



- Accept parent payments either as fixed price, calculated per quantity or even variable payments
- Add your own product or activity image. You can also add attachments to provide additional information, and create your own options for each product
- Collect parental consent digitally for school activities
- Parents have the option to pay in instalments

## SIMPLE, INTUITIVE ACCESS FOR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

1. Intuitive wizard allows you to add a new product in simple steps, making it easier to list a new item
2. All payments are reported to the school in real-time - no waiting or delays
3. Bank accounts can be added and categorised easily by the school at no extra cost
4. Record parent payments by cash, cheque or even discretionary school payments 24/7 access for parents to check purchase history, statements and school meals taken



- Print automatic receipts for manual payments
- Keep track of which payment you have received for which items
- Send automatic alerts to parents about new trips, events or other school items
- Manage stock of products and capacity for events

**“USING SIMS PAY HAS MADE A HUGE DIFFERENCE WITH PARENTS, AND IS MAKING THE DAY TO-DAY COLLECTION OF MONIES SO MUCH EASIER. THE INTEGRATION [WITH SIMS FMS] JUST FINALISES THE PROCESS, AND IS MUCH MORE EFFICIENT.”**

Jane Pettitt, Finance Manager, Upwood Primary School

**“BOTH OUR SENIOR AND OUR PREP SCHOOL USE SIMS PAY FOR PARENT PAYMENTS AND PERMISSIONS. BEING ABLE TO ASK PEOPLE TO REGISTER THEIR INTEREST HAS PARTICULARLY HELPED THE PTA WITH THEIR FORWARD PLANNING.”**

Pavla Mataskova, SIMS Development Manager, St Bede's College

## FIND OUT MORE

View more screenshots online:

[www.capita-sims.co.uk/simsagora-pri](http://www.capita-sims.co.uk/simsagora-pri)

## KEY STATISTICS

Did you know you can use SIMS Pay on your mobile or tablet device?

**40%** of all Pay parent payments are made using a nonstandard PC device.

**60%** of parents pay on their phones.

# YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

## Are payments secure?

Yes. SIMS Pay is safe and secure and tested for the highest security - Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS) Level 1 certified. Payments are secure - no card details are ever stored and parents can only access their children's accounts when activated by the school and with a unique security code.

## What if parents don't wish to pay for products online?

SIMS Pay is compatible with PayPoint and the Post Office. Pay provides a unique bar code for each product, which schools can give to parents to take to the Post Office or any shop with PayPoint, where they can use their preferred payment method.

## Will SIMS Pay integrate with our schools catering systems?

Where schools use SIMS Dinner Money or one of our trusted partners, SIMS Pay seamlessly integrates providing automatic balances and payment history for parents online. Parents can top up their account and receive free automatic payment reminders. Payments are automatically synchronised and updated in SIMS Dinner Money - even if parents are paying by cash or cheque.

## Can items be made available for selected groups?

Yes. SIMS Pay reflects the exact groups as set up by the school in SIMS. The school administrator simply selects the group or combination of groups for each item as needed.

## Can a school have multiple bank accounts linked to SIMS Pay and money paid into the separate accounts?

Yes. Multiple bank accounts can be added by the school administrator for no extra cost and associated with different items as required.



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# WHO BENEFITS AND HOW?



## SENIOR LEADER

Data is held within the school's SIMS system, so there's no need to enter, transfer or update pupil information elsewhere. SIMS Pay ensures improved safeguarding and security for pupils and staff.



## SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR

Reduce the administration workload in school and streamline the work in the finance office, saving your school many hours per week and helping to reduce costs.



## BUSINESS MANAGER

Automatically consolidate your school finances and reduce administrative time and money spent on payment collection and banking procedures.



## PARENTS

Parents can make school payments simply and securely at their own convenience. Parents can also book trips and tickets for events, as well as provide parental consent for trips.

## WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT SIMS PAY?

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