

**New school app**

We are delighted to announce the launch of our new school app. Please look out for the link to download this, instructions are at the bottom of this newsletter. Through the app you will be able to keep up to date with what your child needs for school and important information, give permission for trips, and book places for After school clubs. We know there are teething problems with the app, please email the office if you are having any problems

**After School Clubs**

We have recently received guidance from Liverpool City Council regarding measures we may have to take due to rises of COVID cases in Liverpool. Following our meeting, we have had to postpone the starting of our After School clubs until Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January. This is to give us time to arrange them, particularly if we have to put some COVID restrictions in place, due to the rising numbers. We will let you know next week what the clubs will be, and how to book places for the children. We hope you will be able to book through our app.

**COVID** - Changes to the self-isolation period for those who test positive for COVID-19.

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature.

For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be reported to NHS Test and Trace. If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10-day period of self-isolation.

**Safeguarding:** - Talking to your child about online sexual harassment: A guide for parents

The Children's Commissioner for England has published a guide for parents and carers to have discussions with their children about online sexual harassment. The guide, which is in part built upon the experiences and voices of young people, provides adults with practical advice on how to navigate discussions with their own children.

The guidance can be found at:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/report/talking-to-your-child-about-online-sexual-harassment-a-guide-for-parents/>

PE TIMETABLE	
CHILDREN MUST WEAR THEIR SCHOOL TRACKSUIT	
Y1 - Tuesday & Thursday	Y4 - Tuesday & Thursday
Y2- Monday & Wednesday	Y5 - Monday & Wednesday
Y3 - Monday & Thursday	Y6 - Tuesday & Thursday

# Instructions for setting up SIMS Parent App

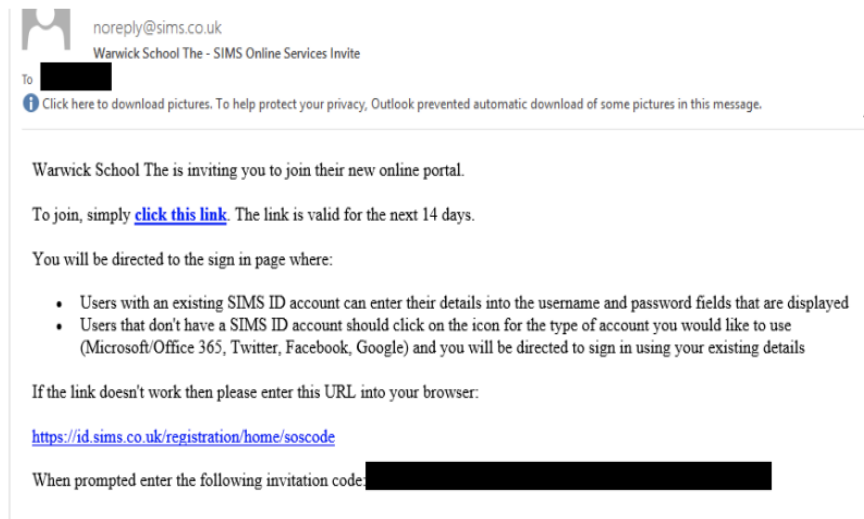
## Before you start, some points to note;

- It's a 2 stage process - you are required to register first and then install the SIMS Parent App on your smart phone or device (or just use the website, if you prefer)
- Close all other windows during the registration process
- Any usernames/passwords will relate to the account you are using to register for the app (so whatever you set up when you created your facebook/twitter/google/Microsoft/etc account)

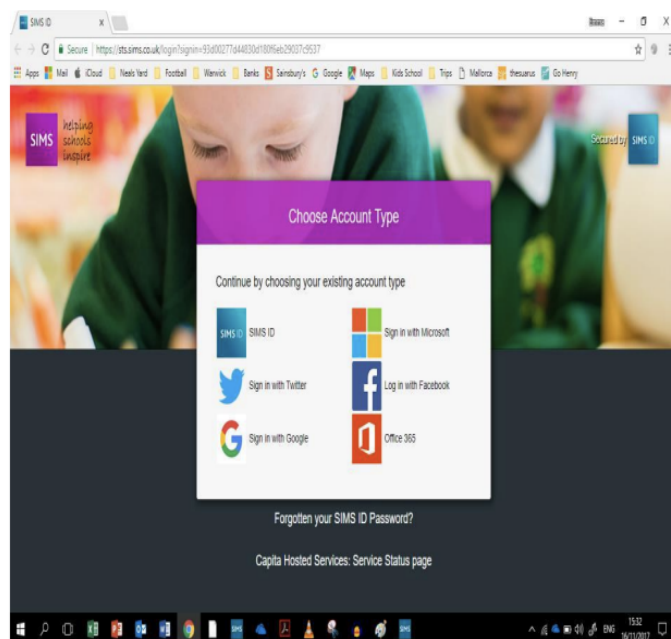
## Registration Instructions;

**Step 1:** Open the invitation email that was sent from [noreply@sims.co.uk](mailto:noreply@sims.co.uk) to the email address you have provided us. Check your junk mail if it has not arrived in your Inbox.

**Step 2:** Click on the "click this link" link within the email



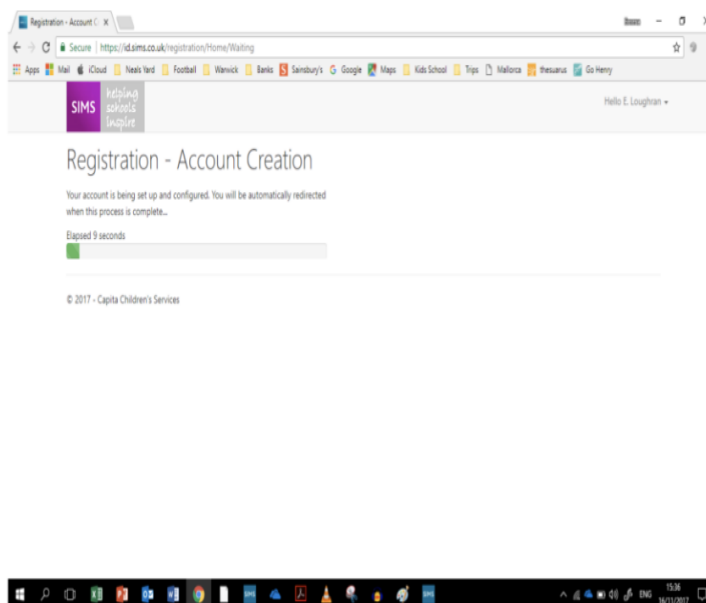
**Step 3:** Choose the account type you would like to register with. *Be aware that SIMS ID can't be used!*



**Step 4:** Check your name and click on the Register button

**Step 5:** Answer the security question – this will usually be the date of birth for one of your children, following the format of dd/mm/yyyy. For example 26/02/2005

**Step 6:** After clicking on the Verify button you might see the “Registration – Account Verification” screen for a few seconds. That is OK



**Step 7:** Once complete, you have registered and are logged in to the web version of the Parent App

From here you have two options. The preferred one is to install the SIMS Parent App from the Google Play store or from the Apple store. Or you can use the web version of the Parent App which can be accessed from <https://www.sims-parent.co.uk>.

### **Setting up the SIMS Parent App;**

**Step 1:** Go to the Google Play store or the Apple store and search for SIMS Parent

**Step 2:** Install the App...

**Step 3:** Open the App

**Step 4:** After the welcome screen you might get the Sign In page. If so then click on the Sign In button which will take you back to the page that you saw during registration. On the Choose Account Type page select the option you registered with and login using your credentials

**Step 5:** The Parent App welcome screen opens.

From here you can view reports, request updates to contact information, view timetables and see attendance information.