

**Welcome back**

We hope that you had a good Christmas break. We know that for some of you it was impacted by COVID, and was not the Christmas you had planned. It was lovely to see the children coming back into school on Wednesday looking so happy and smart. They have settled well and are fully back into the swing of school life.

**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.

**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. With this in mind and until we attend the relevant meeting, we have had to postpone the starting of our After School clubs until Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January at the earliest. 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.

**Attendance**

It is extremely important that your child is in school on time every day; a missed school day is a missed opportunity to learn, and this can severely impact your child's life chances. If your child is not able to come to school, you **MUST** inform us as soon as possible by ringing 0151 709 1062 and telling us exactly why your child is or will be off. Miss McKenna will follow these up where necessary, and we will refer to the Educational Welfare Officer if your child is off a lot.

**Safeguarding:** - We know for some of our children it can be difficult to come back to school after a lovely time at home during the Christmas period. NSPCC have some fantastic information on how to deal with tantrums <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/cope-with-tantrums/>

**COVID** - Children who are attending school when a member of their household is positive should be advised to do the following:

- Inform school a member of the household is positive
- Take a PCR test (if negative, continue to attend school). Test should be taken around 3 days after household member develops symptoms or tests positive.
- Conduct daily Lateral Flow Tests (if negative, continue to attend school). Parents can use home testing kits to test primary age children if they feel confident to do so

<b>PE TIMETABLE</b>	
<b>CHILDREN MUST WEAR THEIR SCHOOL TRACKSUIT</b>	
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

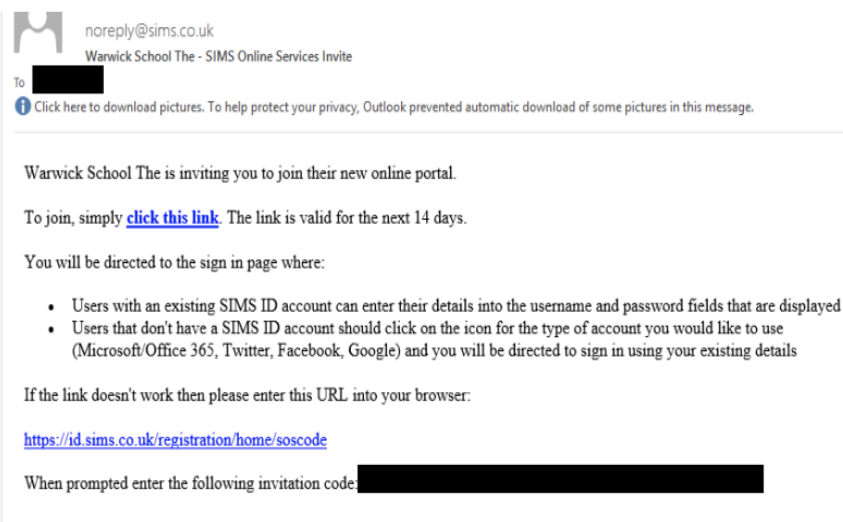
## Before you start, some points to note;

- 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)

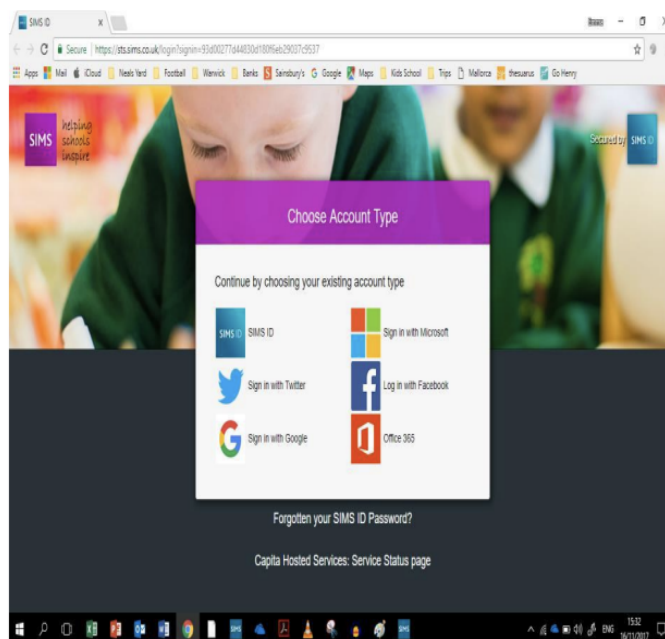
## Registration Instructions;

**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



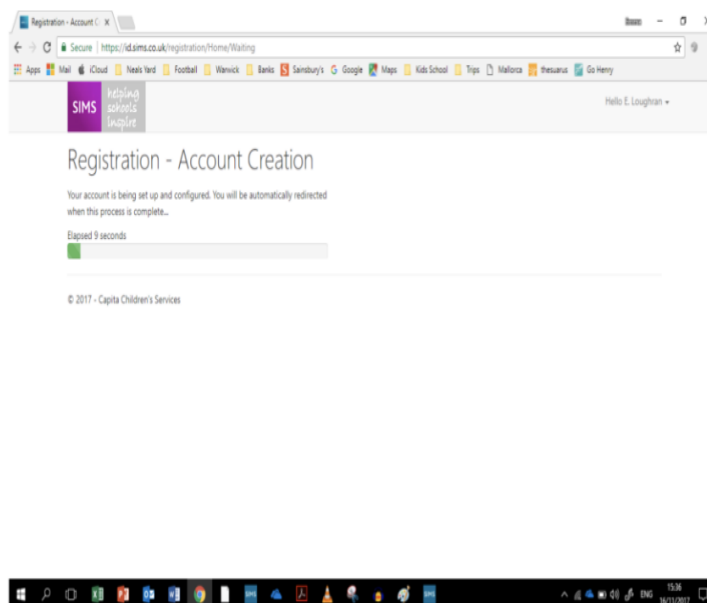
**Step 3:** Choose the account type you would like to register with. *Be aware that SIMS ID can't be used!*



**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.