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Dear Parents/Carers

SIMS PARENT APP – Invitation to Register (PRIORITY 1 CONTACT ONLY)

Following on from our letter dated 16 July 2020 (copy attached for information) and a couple of trial runs, we are pleased to let you know that you will soon receive a registration email from noreply@sims.co.uk inviting you to start using the SIMS Parent app which will allow you to view and manage your child's personal details on demand and without the need for paper! You will be able to inform us of any changes to personal details at the click of a button.

Please follow the account activation instructions provided in the registration email. Further support is provided in the attachment: "SIMS Parent for Parents Documentation Centre – How do I register?".

Important: you will be asked to log in with a username and password for an existing Facebook, Twitter, Microsoft or Google account. If you don't have one of these already, you will need to create an account in order to be able to use the SIMS Parent app. (Please disregard the SIMS ID account option as this is only available to the school.)

We would like to draw your attention to the following points:

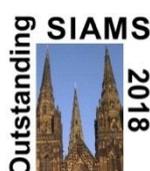
NEW CONSENT ITEM.** We have created an "IMAGE ONLY: Social Media (eg Facebook)" consent item. We have taken the opportunity, prior to rolling out the app, to apply consent on your behalf where you have already given permission to use your child's image in website displays. ***If you do not agree with this and wish to withdraw consent, please do so via the app.

*In the School Details section of the app you'll see that term times and holidays are listed; please note that the end of summer term for children is 16 July 2021 (19-21 July are staff training days!).

*If you don't receive a registration email this could be for a couple of reasons: either you aren't the PRIORITY 1 CONTACT for your child; or your child lives with one parent only – in this instance we will continue to use a paper copy of the data collection form for checking purposes appropriately edited for each parent.

*A list of *fuller* consent descriptions is attached for your reference (not all the consent descriptions are fully visible in the app as they are quite wordy).

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“The SIMS Parent app delivers school data collection solutions that comply with the new GDPR data requirements, by providing a simple way to collect, manage and handle information by obtaining accurate data securely from parents.”

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If you experience any problems or have any questions or queries, please email office@hortonstmichaels.co.uk in the first instance and we will follow up with a call. We hope you will find using the app easy and convenient, thank you for your participation.

Kind regards
Suzanne Pointon
School Office