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Dear Parent/Carer

Downlands SIMS Parent App

We have a convenient and exciting new way to share information with you regarding your child/children called the Downlands SIMS Parent App. This App will replace Downlands Moodle with regards to homework, achievement, behaviour, timetables and reports.

You can access the new App from a smartphone, tablet or PC. This is an upgrade from the existing system.

From the Downlands SIMS Parent App you will have:

- Access to your child's/children's school report
- School contact details and term and INSET dates
- Achievement information (please note the achievements are recorded as incidents not the total number of points)
- Homework
- Attendance
- Data collection information
- If you have more than one child at Downlands, you will have access to information for all of your children, from the same App

The information that you receive through the App will help you to stay up-to-date with your child's/children's school life as well as support their development and progress. To access this information it is important that we have an up to date email on our school database.

Getting started with the Downlands SIMS Parent App

Attached you have received a user guide that takes you through how to set up the Parent App.

1. We will send you an activation email, simply click on the link from your smartphone, tablet or PC to activate your account. The email will be sent from noreply@simms.co.uk. You will receive this on 19/20 May.
2. You can then log in using your normal Facebook, Twitter, Google, Microsoft or Office 365 username and password.
3. From your smartphone or tablet, download the App from Google Play or the Apple App store - search for SIMS Parent.
4. From a PC or Windows phone, log in online at www.sims-parent.co.uk.

Please note that your activation email is unique to you and should not be used by anyone else. Your activation email will expire after 14 days if it is not used; please send an e-mail to simsparentapp@downlands.org if you require a replacement after this date.

Once you have activated the SIMS Parent App invitation it is taken that you have read and agreed the terms of the attached Acceptable Use Policy for the Downlands SIMS Parent App.

If you have any questions regarding this new system please contact the school via this email address: simsparentapp@downlands.org

I will operate a drop in session that parents can attend if they would like help in setting up the new system on their phone or would like assistance in registering for the app. The drop in session will be held in the Schering Suite on Tuesday 22 May 3:30-5:00. Further drop in sessions will be announced by email.

Yours faithfully

J Chandler
Assistant Headteacher

