

# SIMS Dinner Money

Efficient management  
of your school meals

Reduce administration time

Greater reporting accuracy

Automatic updates from SIMS Attendance

Who *benefits* and how?



Senior  
leaders



Teachers



Headteacher



Business  
manager/bursar

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Managing school meals can be a complex task, without having to worry about the administration around it. SIMS Dinner Money provides an easy-to-use solution to manage and report on school meals efficiently. Dinner Money allows your school to record, monitor and share pupil meal choices and track the financial aspects automatically.

All pupil and staff information is derived from your core SIMS database and with a direct link to SIMS Attendance, whether a pupil is present, absent or has gone home sick, your school canteen will know what's happening.

All of these features will allow schools to transfer information to their kitchen quickly, and will give schools more time to focus on educating children in the knowledge that their dietary needs are being satisfied.

Tested and proven beneficial in schools country-wide, SIMS Dinner Money is a simple answer that will streamline your processes and quickly pay for itself.



## Features

### NEW Record and manage UIFSM

Dinner Money reports can identify Universal Infant Free School Meal numbers separately from paid and Free School Meals, ensuring that all school records are accurate and reflect changes in government policy.

### Monitor and manage debt

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### Links with SIMS Attendance

Once linked with Dinner Money, recording a pupil as present in SIMS Attendance will automatically select the default meal choice for that pupil on that day.

### Comprehensive reporting and auditing

Combine information on pupils and staff, meals and payments, term dates and non-teaching days automatically, and build letters and reports you need to deliver.

### Free School Meals and meal patterns

Schools can set default meal patterns and manage pupil Free School Meal eligibility, ensuring the kitchen has all the information it needs for lunchtime every day.

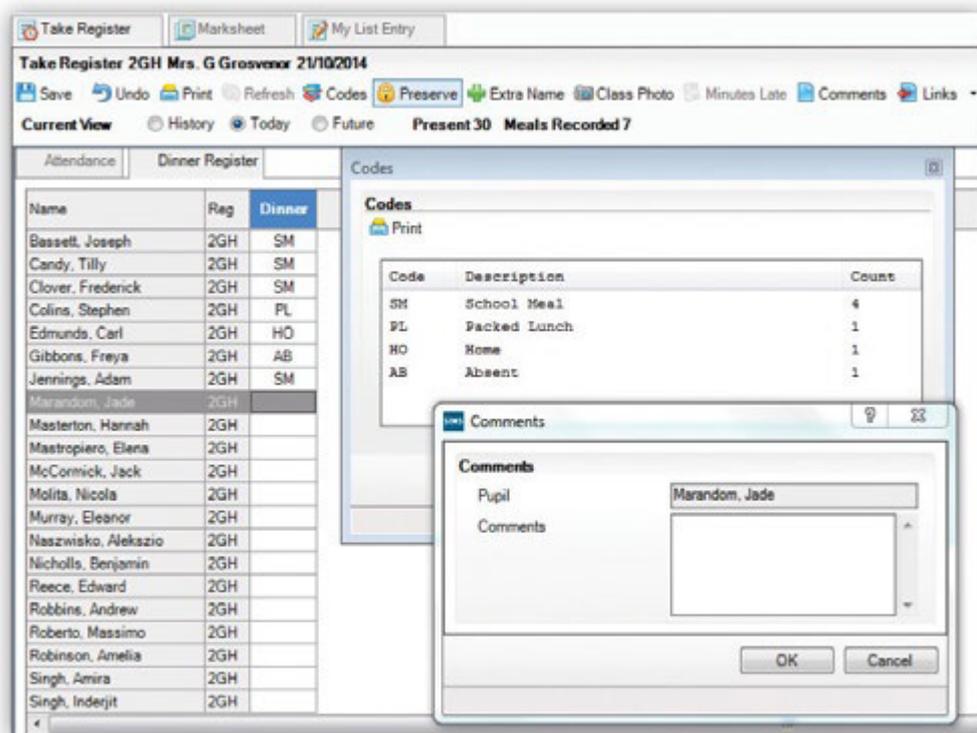
### Customise your pupils' dietary requirements

Customise the menu so your school or academy can create its own meals – you can tailor your menus for healthy eating, specific diets or special occasions.

# Screenshots

## The Dinner Money register in SIMS Attendance

- Registration information in SIMS Attendance automatically populates the Dinner Money register with the latest records from the Attendance Register.
- Dinner Money knows when a pupil is present, absent, gone home sick or arrived late.
- Assign comments to individual children or groups of pupils. For example, you can record why a child is having a school meal when they normally take a packed lunch.



*"SIMS Dinner Money gives me the reassurance that money received for school dinners is being managed accurately and efficiently."*

Robin Haslegrove,  
Headteacher, Chad Vale  
Primary School, Birmingham

## KEY STATISTICS

Primary schools and academies can on average, gain over 2-3 hours of admin time per week using SIMS Dinner Money – larger primaries can save even more.

## FIND OUT MORE

For more information, please visit:  
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call 01234 832100 to speak to the  
SIMS schools team.

## RELATED PRODUCTS

Pay360 Education Payments  
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SIMS InTouch  
[www.ess-sims.co.uk/intouch](http://www.ess-sims.co.uk/intouch)

## Links with SIMS InTouch and Pay360 Education Payments

### SIMS InTouch

SIMS Dinner Money also integrates seamlessly with the school communication tool, SIMS InTouch, providing the ability to send debt and credit dinner money letters directly to parents by email.

### Pay360 Education Payments

Where schools also use SIMS Dinner Money, Pay360 Education Payments the online payments seamlessly integrates with it, 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.



## Your questions answered

### Can I avoid manually selecting each pupil's meal choice every day?

Yes, default meal patterns can be set up. As an integrated SIMS solution, Dinner Money automatically links with SIMS Attendance, so when pupils are marked present, their chosen meal for that day will be automatically selected on the dinner register - making taking the register and recording meal choices simple.

### Can I record and report on Free School Meal Eligibility?

Yes, SIMS Dinner Money uses Free School Meal information already in the system to determine eligibility, ensuring no children are charged unnecessarily. It is also compatible with the SIMS reporting dictionary, allowing simple reporting.

### Can I see all transactions that have occurred in the event of an audit?

Yes, SIMS Dinner Money has a full audit log which keeps a detailed history of all transactions that have taken place. Banking and catering returns can also be produced.

## Who benefits?



### SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR

SIMS Dinner Money removes hours of administration work from instant monitoring of reports to sending automated debt letters to parents.

### TEACHERS

Teachers are no longer required to take a separate attendance register and dinner register every day. Instead, SIMS Dinner Money automates data entry by using attendance information to automatically populate pupil default meal choices.

### HEADTEACHER

Headteachers get the peace of mind that their data is reliable and can confidently provide assurance to parents that they have their child's dietary requirements right.

### BUSINESS MANAGER/BURSAR

SIMS Dinner Money helps simplify money management. It records all payments whatever the format, manages banking returns, outstanding monies and refunds and allows customised pricing for different menus.

## Want to know more about SIMS Dinner Money?

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