**Communication from Capita**

**The DfE has announced thousands of schools will benefit from a ground-breaking partnership to gain access to education platforms.**

**If you don't currently have a digital education platform; or are already using Microsoft Office 365 or Google G Suite, but are not yet set up to assign work and communicate with pupils you could receive up to £2,000 to help get set up.**

We’re delighted to have been selected as an authorised Microsoft Partner for the delivery of this Platform Provisioning Programme.

We will be providing schools with expert technical support to access Microsoft Office 365 for Education, a free education platform that empowers teachers to unlock creativity, promote teamwork, and provide a simple and safe experience in a single, affordable solution built for education. [More information on Microsoft Office 365.](https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/education/products/office)

The real benefits to schools of this partnership come from our ability to connect Microsoft Office 365 with [SIMS ID](https://www.capita-sims.co.uk/products-and-services/sims-id) to sync users, classes and groups to provide access and for grades to be synced back to SIMS. Not only does this save admin time initially and on an ongoing basis, but it also ensures staff and students have the right access at right time.

[Watch our webinar for more details: Simplifying access to your online services for your parents, staff and students](https://www.capita-sims.co.uk/watch-simplifying-access-to-your-online-services-for-your-parents-staff-and-students)

The benefits of the partnership don’t stop there. With over 35 years’ experience of supporting more than 21,000 schools we’re well placed to understand your challenges. Our education experts, many of whom were senior leaders in schools, can guide you on how best to use Microsoft Office 365 to provide the best possible outcomes for your pupils at this challenging time.

**How you can access this support**

Simply complete the following Microsoft Form and you’ll be contacted to advise you of the next steps.

[**Access Support**](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=v4j5cvGGr0GRqy180BHbR8OxR8KDk1BHllyTqp9sEZBUNEVJNDlRN0U1WUtQWk1KTjY5RDFCM1M3VyQlQCN0PWcu)

To benefit from the SIMS and Office 365 connection ensure you select Capita as your preferred partner in question 26 of the Microsoft Form.

[View DfE announcemen](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/schools-to-benefit-from-education-partnership-with-tech-giants)[t](https://email.capita-sims.co.uk/hA01Y0N00Q0000rnm030Mb0)

Looking for more support to navigate your way through these unusual times? [View our webinar programme.](https://www.capita-sims.co.uk/supporting-schools-business-unusual)

If you have any questions please call or email on the details below.

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