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To: Parents/Guardians
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SIMS Parent App

Our records show that you have yet to sign up and download our SIMS Parent App after multiple email invitations. This app is the future of all our school communication and pupil reports so it is essential that all parents/guardians have access to the app.

Links and registration codes have been sent home by the email you have provided. These resent again this week. Please can you contact the school office by phone (**02844612115**) or email us (**info@blackwateric.downpatrick.ni.sch.uk**) if you are experiencing any difficulty signing up to the app.

Please see screenshots of the working app by clicking below:

<https://www.blackwateric.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/BIC-SIMS-Parent-App.pdf>

SIMS Parent App Benefits

The SIMS app went live for all parents last year and we now have over 80% of parents signed up and using the SIMS parent App so far.

Parents who have download and activated the app see updated:

- ✓ School Holidays
- ✓ Pupil Timetables
- ✓ Attendance - Weekly attendance reports
- ✓ Achievements awarded and subject they came from
- ✓ School Reports (From January 2023 onwards)
- ✓ Letters attached onto system / Messages posted on system

We will be using this as our main source of communication for parents / guardians and we need to see all parents / guardians signed up to allow quick and easy communication between home and school. We will be using this for letters and messages moving forward and we will be phasing out the text messaging system that we have been using. It is therefore essential that everyone has SIMS App access so they do not miss out on important information going home from the College.

Any parents / guardians who have not yet signed up will receive an email a fresh link and code to enable them to access the SIMS App and we would ask that you activate this as soon as possible.

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