



6<sup>th</sup> January 2023

## Safeguarding

Can we all please use the streets opposite school, or other safe parking spaces outside of school, to drop children off on a morning and collect in the afternoon? Students can then use the crossing to safely cross the road.

**There must be no children getting out of cars on the main road especially on the zigzag lines, even if stopped at the crossing, as this is extremely dangerous.**

*Rule 191 of the highway code states*

*'You **MUST NOT** park on a crossing or in the area covered by the zig-zag lines.'*

## School Uniform Donations

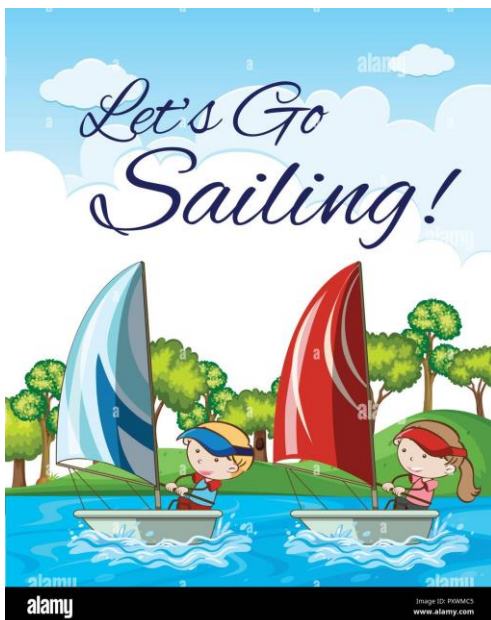
Do you have any school uniform items which you no longer use, which could be given to other families? They are probably taking up space and would be greatly appreciated by families who could utilise them.

## ParentView Questionnaire

We would love to hear your views on our school. Please take a moment to register via email and complete the 2-minute questionnaire about Thornhill Academy using the link below.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>

## All Aboard!!



You may have seen through our social media streams, an amazing opportunity for our current Year 9 cohort next year. Setting sail from Royal Quays Marina, North Shields on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023, 12 students will be selected to spend 5 days and 4 nights aboard a fantastic fully funded sailboat, travelling up and down the northeast coast, stopping off at local ports to spend days on the beaches and going on fantastic adventures!

If this is something your child in would be interested in, they can apply for a place by completing an application for explaining the reason why they should be chosen for this once in a lifetime experience.

applications should be no more than one side of A4 and can be handwritten or typed. The deadline for this is the end of this term, Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. If you have any further questions, you can visit the organisations page via the link: <http://www.oytnorth.org.uk/> or contact Mr Haley- Head of Year 9.

## Sunderland AFC



As a school, we use a teacher supply agency, AK Teaching, who are also one of the main sponsors for Sunderland AFC. As a result, we have secured 12 tickets to the home game on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January  
Sunderland Vs  
Middlesborough! Out of the 12

tickets, six pupils will have the chance to be on the pitch as flag bearers, when the players walk out on to the pitch prior to kick-off. This is open to current Year 7 & 8 pupils. To be eligible to be chosen, your child must have 100% attendance and excellent behaviour between the dates of 5<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

## Parent App

We are encouraging all parents/carers to sign up to the SIMS Parent App.

The App enables us to communicate easily with you and allows you to keep your child's information up to date.

Once signed up, please check the data collection sheet as this shows the details that we hold for you and your child.

At the end of the process, you will be required to review the changes and submit to the school for us to process your changes.

If there are no changes, please ensure you click on the confirm no changes button on the page.

We have included below the parent guide on how to register for the App.



## **SIMS PARENT APP** **QUICK SETUP GUIDE**

The SIMS Parent app allows us to easily communicate with you, the parent/carer. Whether it's sharing information such as attendance, termly assessments, conduct, school reports and sending messages to or from the school. The app also allows you to keep your child's information up to date! All of the information is easily accessible from the convenience of your smart phone, tablet or PC.

We can now easily send automated alerts and notifications directly to your phone! By sharing information with you on attendance, termly assessments, timetables or school reports and conduct, you can stay on top of your child's progress. A clear dashboard gives you an overview of your child's school life and the data collection functionality within the app and website lets you easily update your contact information too.

**Follow the steps below to setup and install the SIMS Parent App.**



## STEP #1: Receive the Activation Email

1. We will send you an activation email. Simply click on the link inside the email from your tablet, PC or smartphone to activate your account.
2. After clicking on the link in the email you will now be asked to login using your Facebook, Twitter, Google or Microsoft (including Office 365) account username and password. Don't have one of those accounts then click on More for the option to create a Microsoft account.
3. You will be asked the date of birth for one of your children at the school.
4. Click Verify and complete your registration.

**Now you just need to download the app!**

*\*The email will be from [noreply@sims.co.uk](mailto:noreply@sims.co.uk) so please check your SPAM or JUNK folder if you cannot find it. If you still cannot find it, then please contact the school on [thr-enquires@consilium-at.com](mailto:thr-enquires@consilium-at.com) to confirm that we have the correct information for you.*

## STEP #2: Download SIMS Parent App & Login

The app is free to download and can be used on both iPhone and Android devices.

1. Open the Apple store or Google Play store on your mobile device.
2. Search 'SIMS Parent app' and select SIMS Parent by Capita PLC.
3. Click install to download the app
4. Once installed, open the app on your device.
5. You will be asked 'Have you received an invitation from your school and completed registration?' Click yes
6. Login using the account you signed up with.

Alternatively, you can login in via the website: [www.SIMS-PARENT.co.uk](http://www.SIMS-PARENT.co.uk)

### Breakfast Club

A reminder that all students are required on site for 8.20 am and Breakfast club is available from 8am **FOR ALL STUDENTS**, whether they are eligible for free school meals or not.



## **Attendance**

A massive thank you to all the parents who are continuing to support the increase in attendance for their child by sending children into school. We are seeing excellent progress in attendance and student knowledge.

Parents must be aware that their child will receive a U code if they arrive to school after 9.10am. This means they will have 0% attendance for the morning. This is massively impacting on student's attendance and can easily be improved.

## **Uniform**

Thank you for your ongoing support with the standards and expectations around your child's jacket inside of the school building and the type of jacket they must wear to school. Please be reminded that body warmers, sports jackets and hoodies are all unacceptable pieces of uniform for Thornhill.

## **School Contact Details**

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