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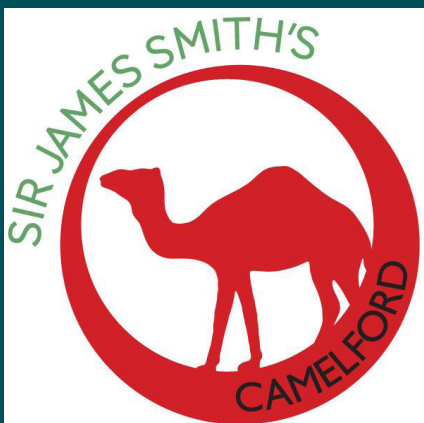
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CASE STUDY with Sir James Smith's Community School

Sir James Smith's Community School is a small secondary school covering a large swathe of the North Cornwall countryside. The school has a strong commitment their students' progress and has a strong ethos of social and cultural development, however like all schools, they face challenges.



Kristien Carrington, Interim Head Teacher at Sir James Smith's Community School



"We have 470 school age kids across 160 miles" explains Interim Headteacher Kristien Carrington. "There's a real challenge getting kids into school, and with communications."

Sir James Smith's wanted to use technology to help their teachers with some of the burden, but struggled to find a product to meet their needs. They tried open source products at first, but a lack of user-friendliness meant teachers didn't want to use them.

In the end, it was a pre-existing relationship the school had with Scomis that led to their implementation of The Scomis Desktop. The school had begun to consider implementing an alternative MIS solution to Capita

SIMS and were considering engagement with other MIS Providers.

"Working with Scomis' technical support on our SIMS, was brilliant, a revelation really and we trust in what they do, so when they suggested The Scomis Desktop we thought it was certainly worth looking in to.

"When Scomis then presented us this package (The Scomis Desktop) they had in development, we liked the look of it."

The Scomis Desktop is an intuitive interface linked to Capita SIMS that lets teachers see all of their classroom information anytime, anywhere and from any device. Each student has a digital record with their

photo, attendance, timetable, contact details and conduct points which teachers can access and update whenever they need to, and have it written straight back into Capita SIMS.

“It’s really clear and straight forward to take attendance registers and easy to find good information about individual students, such as their particular needs or if there are particular sub-groups of students that teachers may be interested in” explains Kristien.

“The information you get when you search for an individual student, is really impressive, nicely set out and clear.”

The Scomis Desktop automates the recording of assessment in, marksheets, taking registration, recording and student conduct. Removing the need for printing records and maintaining them in a fully GDPR-compliant cloud that can be accessed anywhere. The added security of having student health flags instantly available means safeguarding is also more straightforward than ever.



Kristien also found a lot of value in the way The Scomis Desktop integrates directly with SIMS.

“There was one thing that surprised me which was that within SIMS you are able to set up user defined groups, so if you have particular groups of students that you want to keep an eye on, for example your SEN students, you can set up a user defined group within SIMS, and this information is also pushed back into The Scomis Desktop.”

As a result of the successful free trial of The Scomis

Desktop the decision was taken by SLT to purchase the software and continue to use Capita SIMS.

All of this of course, is built on Scomis’ customer service, and the relationships they build with schools, something that Kristien and St James Smith’s clearly appreciate:

“I’m really positive about that. Jane and Scomis in general have been really responsive and available, and I couldn’t really ask for more. We have worked with them for the past 5 years, so we were not really surprised!”

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