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Welcome
to our school online payment
system

www.payyourschool.co.uk

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SIMS Agora provides a safe, secure and easy way to pay online for school items such as school meals, trips, events, clubs and other school activities.

- ✓ SIMS Agora Allows you make online payments to the school whenever and wherever you like, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- ✓ Makes it easy to make payments for school items by debit or credit card.
- ✓ Reduces the need for children to carry cash to school.
- ✓ Peace of mind that payments are made safely and securely to the school.
- ✓ You can also merge your accounts if you have more than one child at the school, or from other schools that also use SIMS Agora.

Is SIMS Agora safe – are my payments secure?

- ✓ Yes - SIMS Agora is safe and secure and tested for the highest security.
- ✓ All information on Agora is secure and only accessible by completing several security steps and automated checks.
- ✓ Payments are secure - no card details are ever stored on the system or accessed by the school.
- ✓ Agora is PCI DSS Level 1 certified and uses the highest levels of card payment security & 3D fraud protection measures.
- ✓ You will receive an email receipt for all payments and you can check at any time what and when you have paid the school through Agora.

How do I get started with SIMS Agora?

- ✓ The school will provide an activation letter containing a unique reference for your child – you will need this reference to access your child's account.
- ✓ You will need your child's date of birth.
- ✓ You will also need a Microsoft account - you can use an existing account (e.g. a Hotmail account) or create a new one online – they are free, easy to setup and you can use **any**

valid email address and password.

If you need a free Microsoft account please go to: <https://signup.live.com>

- ✓ To access SIMS Agora please go to: www.payyourschool.co.uk
- ✓ Follow the few simple steps to activate your account.
- ✓ You will receive an email to confirm your account has been activated; once you have clicked the link in the email you will be able to make payments for school items straight away.
- ✓ If you have more than one child at the school, you can easily merge their SIMS Agora account into a single combined view – please see the Help section within SIMS Agora on how to do this.

For more information about SIMS Agora online payments please see the frequently asked questions for parents:
www.capita-sims.co.uk/agora-parents

I've already activated my SIMS Agora account but can't now get access - what can I do?

If you have already successfully activated your SIMS Agora account, but can't now get access, and Agora is requesting an activation reference - this may be because the PC/laptop/tablet you are using is already logged in with a different Microsoft account, for example a different account for another member of the family.

1. Please go to <http://live.com> – if currently logged in as another user, please sign-out by clicking on the name at the top right of the screen and selecting the '**Sign out**' option
2. Clear the browser history fully
3. Close the browser completely
4. Open a new browser window and login to www.payyourschool.co.uk, then enter your own Microsoft account details when prompted

Alternatively, try accessing SIMS Agora through a **private browser window** – this will ignore any other Microsoft accounts used on your PC/laptop

1. If using Internet Explorer: select **Ctrl+shift+P**
2. If using Google Chrome: select **Ctrl+shift+N**
3. If using Firefox: select **Ctrl+shift+P**
4. If using Safari, choose **Safari > Private Browsing**
5. In the private browser window, please access SIMS Agora at www.payyourschool.co.uk and enter your access details

Where can I find out more about SIMS Agora?

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Who do I contact with queries relating to my SIMS Agora account?

If you have a question about your child's SIMS Agora account please contact the school directly, who will be able to help.