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Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: All Years - Replacing Frog

For several years we have used Frog as a virtual learning platform in order to set home learning, and to share timetables and resources. From the start of term, we will no longer be using Frog at The Holt School.

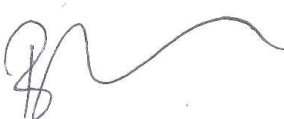
Last year, we began to use the **SIMS Parent** and **SIMS Student** apps to update emergency contact information, to award recognition points, and to publish student progress reviews. This year, we will also be using SIMS to notify students and parents about home learning that has been set, and to share student timetables with you. If you have already downloaded the parent or student app, these additional features should already be available to you.

New parents and students will need to download the **SIMS Parent** or **SIMS Student** app from Apple's App Store or Google Play. Alternatively, you can use the web based versions at sims-parent.co.uk and sims-student.co.uk. You will receive further guidance on how to register and log on in the next few days, so please wait until you have this information before setting up your account.

Additionally, during the partial closure of the school, we have used **Microsoft Teams** as a medium for supporting remote learning and sharing learning resources with students. We will continue to use Teams, and staff will sometimes share additional resources for home learning via this platform. Students will continue to access Teams by using their school network login credentials. We will remind all students how to do this, and Year 7 will receive an introduction to Teams in their first computing lesson.

When home learning is set, we expect students to make a written note of the details in their planners. While students are familiarising themselves with the new system, it is particularly important that they get into this habit. If you or your daughter/son have any problems in using the SIMS apps, please contact datateam@holt.wokingham.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely



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