



# Performance and ICT

*Local Authority Support*

*for KingsNet and Management Information*

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## Introduction

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Over the past year, KingsNet has gone through major transformation in the way that it is technically and strategically structured. This has involved replacing / upgrading the core servers and network equipment and developing strategic management through the Schools ICT Strategy and technical sub groups.

A major development has been the introduction of the Learning Platform to help provide “Anywhere, Anytime” teaching and learning and a personal, online learning environment for every pupil.

This, combined with developments being rolled out as part of our “Building Schools For The Future” project with Chessington Community College and our developing Data Management strategy, has made KingsNet an innovative and strategic tool in schools’ and the Local Authority’s plans for delivering services to children and young people.

KingsNet service provides:

- support, advice and guidance to schools in implementing access to the Internet and intranets in a secure and safe manner and maintaining the network infrastructure. This will facilitate delivery of the “Harnessing Technology” strategy and help inform schools of the ICT requirements for any major rebuilds.
- continued development of, and support for, “Information Management” and “New Relationship with Schools” strategies supporting schools, Local Authority, and partners in raising standards through the effective and informed use of management information.

- delivery of the Every Child Matters agenda through the effective interoperability of systems and data and to ensure that all children have access to online resources and facilities in a safe and secure environment.
- Local Authority licence for the core Capita SIMS.net software.

### **Core Service (Centrally Funded)**

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- Continued development of the Centralised Pupil Database:
  - to help reduce the workload and bureaucracy on schools
  - to facilitate the transfer of pupil data between schools, the Local Authority and other authorised agencies e.g. the Department for Children, Schools and families
  - to develop effective interoperability of systems and data.
- Liaison with, and project management of, external contractors involved in the support and maintenance of KingsNet.
- To provide input to, and development of, the ICT Vision element of Building Schools for The Future projects.

## Service Available To Purchase

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### KingsNet Wide Area Network (Core Services)

Part of the **National Education Network**, and as a contribution to meeting Government targets for ICT in schools, **KingsNet** provides fast, reliable and secure broadband access to a wide range of high quality online content and services that support communication and collaboration. It is distributed to an unlimited number of computers through curriculum and administrative networks.

A range of core services to schools include:

- **Safe, filtered Internet access.** Connections to the Internet are filtered and automatically block web-sites where the content is determined to be unsuitable. Controlled, customisable access lists allow schools, whose governing body have opted to take responsibility, to specify web-sites, accessible from their school, which should be blocked or unblocked.
- **Keeping pupils safe from cyberbullying, grooming, racist and harmful behaviour** by monitoring school's ICT network for inappropriate language and sites. This service augments and compliments our e-safety policy and helps enforce school policies
- **Web based E-Mail access for all staff, pupils Chairs and Clerks to Governing Bodies.** E-Mail accounts may be accessed, anytime, anywhere, from the Internet and includes **virus-checking** of attachments and **SPAM filtering** of E-Mails. The system is available, subject to maintenance, 24 hours a day.
- **London Grid for Learning** connection to media-rich content
- **'Shibboleth'** unified single sign-on (USO) authentication allowing pupils to access a wide range of media-rich curriculum content in a secure, and controlled, way without having to login to multiple systems.
- **Web-caching** provides overnight downloading of cached web content, from suppliers, for those schools with cache engines.
- **Video-conferencing** using London Grid for Learning's 'Click-To-Meet' facilities
- **High speed Broadband** connection to the Internet - all schools are provided with a 10Mb optical fibre connection which may be upgraded as per the schedule below.
- **ICT Co-ordinator Support web-site** allowing creation and maintenance of E-Mail addresses, web-site blocking and software updates.
- **Virtual Private Network access for staff** to access securely school systems from home, subject to school and LEA policies.
- **On-line software purchasing** allowing schools to purchase Microsoft, and other, software at considerable discounts.
- **KIMS courses booking system, Best Practice database** and, Council intranet web pages access.
- **Personalised learning space** with the potential to support e-portfolios, accessible through **Its Learning**

**Additional Services – Separate Charges may apply**  
Please contact [brianm@rbksch.org](mailto:brianm@rbksch.org) for details of the services and any related costs.

- **Backup Facilities**

The Local Authority can provide off-site data backup for a school's Management Information Systems on a daily basis as part of the school's Data Backup and Disaster Recovery strategy.

- **Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP)**

Using the school's and KingsNet's broadband network to make free telephone calls to other VOIP users and to the chargeable Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN). Schools will need to purchase appropriate handsets.

<b>Level of Service</b>	<b>Charge</b>
<b>KingsNet Wide Area Network (Core)</b>	<b>£ 15.20 per pupil</b>

## **SIMS.net Software Licence – Annual Maintenance 2008 / 2009**

SIMS.net management information system software levies an annual maintenance charge based on school and pupil numbers.

The software complies with the DFES' Information Management Strategy and provides essential facilities for a wide range of financial and management information tasks.

The annual maintenance charge includes upgrades to the latest version of SIMS.net suite and the inclusion of statutory reporting requirements as needed.

<b>Level of Service</b>	<b>Charge</b>
<b>1: Primary / Special / Nursery</b>	<b>Per Pupil    £3.50</b>
<b>2: Secondary</b>	<b>Per Pupil    £4.50</b>

## **How To Purchase A Service**

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To purchase KingsNet and /or SIMS.net annual maintenance, please complete and return the appropriate form to

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## **Payment Arrangements**

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On receipt of the signed form, schools will be invoiced with the appropriate charge calculated using the Spring Census 2008 pupil numbers. Schools may pay by journal transfer.