

PLASC 2005

Learning Services ICT

- Essential workshops for users of SIMS .net
- Workshop for new admin staff using SIMS in Primary schools.
- SIMS Upgrade in the next few weeks.
- Guides on www.hullcitlea.com
- Issue 2 due 1st December 2004.

PLASC 2005 is almost upon us, this academic year PLASC day is **Thursday 20th January.**

This year there are major changes for some schools and minor changes for others. Basically for Primary schools there are very little changes from last year.

For all non-Primary establishments the software to produce the return is different. In the run up to Christmas all non-Primary establishments will go through a "Final Conversion" and their SIMS system will be replaced by SIMS .net. This upgrade is necessary to allow the creation of the PLASC return via PLASC .net, as this year Capita took the decision to only provide a version of Primary school PLASC in the existing SIMS software.

Training Courses.

PLASC workshops are running covering both PLASC (Primary) and PLASC .net (non-Primary), details are contained in this newsletter.

User Guides.

PLASC documentation will appear on the www.hullcitlea.com website, it is advisable to check this area on a regular basis. The Helpdesk (613972) is also available for any queries. This year several newsletters will be published containing information regarding PLASC in the coming weeks.

SIMS Upgrades.

To create the final PLASC report your SIMS system will need to be upgraded. The upgrade to SIMS is planned to take place in the last week of November/first 2 weeks of December. (The upgrade should take under an hour in an average Primary school.)

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PLASC 2005
20th January 2005
30 SCHOOL DAYS TO GO.



Training for Nursery, PRU's, Secondary and Special Schools

Learning Services I.T. will be providing training for the preparation of this PLASC return.

With Secondary Schools, Special Schools, Nursery Schools and Pupil Referral Units undergoing conversion to SIMS .net in the period upto Christmas 2004, it is essential that relevant Admin Officers and staff attend the PLASC .net training which will focus on how to undertake the

PLASC return under the new SIMS .net suite.

A choice of two training workshops covering what is required in PLASC .net for **Nursery** schools, **Pupil Referral Units** and **Special** schools are available. They will run on Monday 29th November 2004, for 1/2 day running 9:00 to 12:00 or 1:00 to 4:00.

There will be a choice of one of two workshops for **Secondary** School staff to attend, on Wednesday 1st December 2004. The sessions are either 9:00 to 12:00 or 1:00 to 4:00.

For all workshops the location is Room 14 at the Education Centre, and refreshments will be provided.

Primary School Training



Additions to PLASC for Primary Schools this year are minimal, in fact the actual creation of the return has not changed. With this in mind a course will not be run for ALL Primary schools. A course will run, aimed at schools with new members of admin staff or for staff that would like a refresher.

If a Primary school would like to attend training they are advised to book on the course running on Thursday 25th November 2004. If the sessions on this day are over subscribed then further courses will be run.

The duration for the PLASC workshop will be 1/2 day. Running at either 9:00am 'til 12:00pm, or 1:00pm 'til 4:00pm. The workshop will take place at the Education Centre in Room 14, refreshments will be provided.

**Completion time
not required in
PLASC 2005**

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**Details of
additions for
PLASC 2005 will
appear in Issue 2.**

PLASC 2004 Feedback

The DfES praised the production of these returns that are a continuing success with more returns submitted from LEA's to the DfES on time.

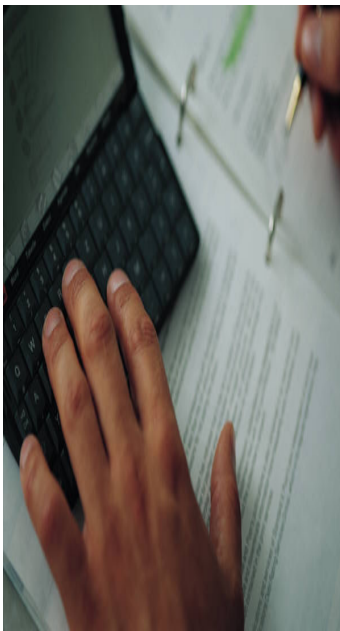
The quality of data is improving nationally, even with new data items added last year, although there are still outstanding data issues, the DfES are looking at ways to improve the way future collections are made. In the 2004 census there were a few additions:

- SEN Type & Ethnicity — only new codes accepted
- Rank of significance of SEN Type
- Postcodes had to be valid.
- S2S website used to send the return to LEA.

Nationally the returns identified 9000 duplicate UPN's, 8500 duplicate pupils, 80000 Primary pupils and 113000 Secondary pupils had unclassified ethnicity.

PLASC 2005 Deletions

The following data items have been removed from PLASC: Completion time is no longer required. SEN provision type Q is no longer needed. It was included because it is used at school level. If this provision type is against a pupil it will default to P on the Return.



Training—More Information

For more information on the PLASC workshops and the costs per school please contact Keith Parsons, ICT Training and Security Assistant on 613774 or email Keith.Parsons@hullcc.gov.uk

If you have any questions regarding PLASC and its creation, please contact the LS IT Helpdesk on **613972**.

Training Dates:

Primary Schools:

Thurs 25th Nov
2004
Morning Session
9:00-12:00 OR
Afternoon Session
1:00 - 4:00.

Secondary Schools:

Weds 1st Dec
Morning Session
9:00-12:00 OR
Afternoon Session
1:00-4:00.

Nursery Schools Pupil Referral Units

Special Schools

Mon 29th Nov
Morning Session
9:00-12:00 OR
Afternoon Session
1:00 - 4:00.