

Harnessing Technology Grant – how will you spend yours?

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With the announcement in October 2007 of the £603million Harnessing Technology Grant, to make high quality ICT the norm across all schools, buyers in local authorities have at their disposal a significant amount of funding to help meet one of the Government's key objectives for improving parental engagement in their children's education.

On the 13th September 2008 the DCSF published research indicating that parental engagement, undoubtedly, has to be led from the front, with local authorities and school SMTs driving and providing the supporting technology.

"...parents felt that to capitalise on them as a resource - schools need to take the lead" with "parental involvement needing to be a whole school initiative with strong commitment needed from the Head and senior management team."

SIMS Learning Gateway will help your schools meet the Department's deadlines for secondary (2010) and primary (2012) schools to provide real-time access to achievement, attendance, behaviour and special needs information. More importantly it will create a community where parents feel involved, where communication between school and parent is direct, efficient and effective and where their engagement and support has a direct effect on improving results.

And because its from SIMS, the market leader in school management information systems, it helps meet the best value principles for the delivery of efficient, effective and economic services that I am sure you are striving for.

"The SIMS Learning Gateway has the potential to transform the way teachers work and how pupil data is accessed across the region. It's a really exciting project that also supports our on-going commitment to improving outcomes for children through increasing parental involvement."

Cllr David Elkin, East Sussex, Lead member for learning and school effectiveness

Many authorities have used Standards Fund or Harnessing Technology Grants to purchase SIMS Learning Gateway.

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