1 INTERPRETATION

1.1 In this Agreement (as defined in the Order Form):

1.1.1 headings have been included for convenience only and shall not be used in construing any provision in this Agreement;
1.1.2 words: using the singular include the plural; importing any gender include every gender; and importing persons include bodies corporate and unincorporated;
1.1.3 references to any legislation include references to any amendments or re-enactments thereof;
1.1.4 references to Clauses and Schedules are references to clauses of and schedules to this Agreement; and
1.1.5 words beginning with capital letters are intended to have the meaning given to them either in these Terms and Conditions or in the Order Form.

1.2 In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between the various documents forming part of this Agreement the following order of precedence shall apply:

1.2.1 the Order Form;
1.2.2 these Terms and Conditions;
1.2.3 the Schedules to these Terms and Conditions. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between Schedule 3 (Quotation) and any other Schedule, the other Schedule shall prevail.

1.3 For the purposes of these Terms and Conditions: a reference to a party or parties means Scomis and/or the Customer (as appropriate); and the Charges, Customer, Effective Date, Location, Quotation, Services and Term shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Order Form.

2 SERVICES

2.1 Scomis agrees to provide to the Customer the Services expressly set out in this Agreement for the Term in accordance with these Terms and Conditions.

2.2 If at any time during the Term the Customer wishes to alter all or any part of the Services, the Customer and Scomis shall discuss the proposed change and any changes shall be implemented in accordance with Clause 11.10.

3 CUSTOMER RESPONSIBILITIES

3.1 The Customer shall comply with its responsibilities set out in Schedule 1 (the "Customer Responsibilities").

3.2 The Customer acknowledges and agrees that if it does not comply with the Customer Responsibilities, Scomis may: not be able to supply the Services in accordance with this Agreement; and/or increase the Charges to reflect Scomis' increased costs therefrom. To the extent that Scomis is unable to provide the Services due to such non-compliance, Scomis shall not be liable for any costs, charges or losses sustained or incurred by the Customer that arise directly or indirectly therefrom. This Clause aims to: be fair and reasonable to all Scomis customers; and ensure all Scomis customers are able to access and receive services from the Scomis Service Desk when required.

4 SCOMIS RESPONSIBILITIES

4.1 Scomis shall use all reasonable endeavours to perform its obligations under this Agreement.

4.2 Scomis shall provide the Services with all reasonable skill and care, using suitably qualified personnel or agents and in accordance with good industry practice.

4.3 Scomis shall use all reasonable endeavours to observe all relevant health and safety rules and regulations and any other reasonable security requirements that apply at the Locations and that have been communicated to it under Schedule 1 paragraph 1.4 provided that Scomis shall not be liable under this Agreement if such observation by Scomis places Scomis in breach of any of its obligations under this Agreement.

5 CHARGES AND PAYMENT

5.1 In consideration for the provision of the Services during the Term the Customer shall pay Scomis the Charges set out in the Quotation. Unless otherwise agreed by the parties in writing in advance, the Customer shall pay:

5.1.1 all subscription charges set out in a Quotation (including all Charges for the support and maintenance of the Customer's equipment) annually in advance (such charges to be determined pro-rata until the following 1st September in the first year of this Agreement). Such charges are due on the Effective Date and on 1st September of each subsequent calendar year that this Agreement is effect;

5.1.2 notwithstanding Clause 5.1.1, all licence fees set out in a Quotation annually in advance. Such charges are due on the Effective Date and on 1st April of each subsequent calendar year that this Agreement is effect; and

5.1.3 in accordance with Clause 5.2 such charges invoiced from time to time for the provision of the Services other than those set out in Clause 5.1.1 and 5.1.2.

5.2 The Customer shall pay any invoice submitted to it by Scomis, in full and in cleared funds, within thirty (30) days from the date of Scomis' invoice without deduction or set-off. Time for payment shall be of the essence of this Agreement.

5.3 If any sums invoiced to the Customer by Scomis are not paid within the specified time limits set out in this Clause 5, Scomis may suspend all Services until payment has been made in full and/or charge the Customer interest on the overdue amount, payable by the Customer immediately on demand, from the due date up to the date of actual payment, after as well as before judgment, at an annual rate equal to 3% over the then current base lending rate of Barclays Bank Plc.

5.4 All sums payable by the Customer under this Agreement are stated to be exclusive of VAT and any other taxes and duties.

5.5 If the Customer (acting in good faith) disputes part or all of any invoice on reasonable grounds, it shall notify Scomis in writing as soon as is reasonably possible identifying clearly the disputed part of such invoice and the reasons why it is challenged. If a bona fide dispute exists in relation to part only of an invoice, the: Customer shall pay the undisputed amount in accordance with Clause 5.2; and disputed element shall be dealt with in accordance with Clause 11.1.
8.1 A party, provided that it has complied with the provisions of Clause 8.2, shall not be in breach of this Agreement or liable to the other for any delay or non-performance of its obligations under this Agreement arising from any cause or causes beyond its reasonable control including, without limitation, any of the following: acts of God, including but not limited to fire, flood, earthquake, windstorm or other natural disaster; fire, explosion or accidental damage; adverse weather conditions; interruption or failure in communications networks, technical infrastructure and facilities (including the internet or the remote link) or a utility service (including electricity); material changes to the Scomis’ supply chain contracts; and/or mandatory compliance with any law (including a failure to grant any licence or consent needed or any change in the law or interpretation of the law) (“Force Majeure Event”).
8.2 Any party that is subject to a Force Majeure Event shall not be in breach of this Agreement provided that:

8.2.1 it notifies the other party in writing in a timely manner of the nature and extent of the Force Majeure Event causing its failure or delay in performance;

8.2.2 it has used all reasonable endeavours to mitigate the effect of the Force Majeure Event and to carry out its obligations under this Agreement in any way that is reasonably practicable; and

8.2.3 as soon as reasonably possible after the end of the Force Majeure Event, the affected party shall notify the other party in writing that the Force Majeure Event has ended and shall resume performance of its obligations under this Agreement.

8.3 If any Force Majeure Event continues for more than 60 (sixty) days the party not subject to the Force Majeure Event may immediately terminate this Agreement on giving written notice to the other.

9 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

9.1 All copyright, database right, patents, registered and unregistered design rights, registered and unregistered trade marks, and all other industrial, commercial or intellectual property rights existing in any jurisdiction in the world and all the rights to apply for the same (the "Intellectual Property Rights") in the Customer’s documentation, information, data, remote link, hardware or software (the “Customer Material”) shall remain vested in the Customer or its licensors.

9.2 Notwithstanding any of the Customer’s other supply contracts, the Customer shall grant, or shall procure the grant of, a perpetual, royalty free, non-exclusive and non-transferable licence to Scomis to inspect, copy, use and/or modify any Customer Material as agreed by the parties in order to allow Scomis to provide the Services under this Agreement.

9.3 All Intellectual Property Rights in any report, documentation, information, data, software, equipment or invention prepared, created or provided by Scomis in relation to this Agreement (the “Scomis Material”) shall remain vested in Scomis (or its relevant licensors) and to the extent that such rights in any such Scomis Material vest in the Customer by operation of law, the Customer hereby assigns such rights to Scomis.

9.4 For the duration of the Term:

9.4.1 Scomis warrants that the use of the Scmis Material by the Customer as permitted by this Agreement shall not infringe any third party Intellectual Property Rights; and

9.4.2 the Customer warrants that the use of the Customer Material by Scomis as permitted by this Agreement and the Customer’s receipt of the Services via the remote link and any Services rendered by Scomis at the Location shall not infringe any third party Intellectual Property Rights.

9.5 The Customer shall fully indemnify Scomis against all losses, claims, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses that may be suffered by Scomis, or made by third parties or awarded against or settled by the Customer in favour of any third party in connection with any claims or proceedings relating to Clause 9.4. Scomis shall: notify the Customer in a timely manner of becoming aware of such claim; allow the Customer to conduct such claim; provide reasonable assistance (at the Customer’s expense) to the Customer in defending such claim; and not make any admissions which may be prejudicial to the defence or settlement of any claim.

10 TERMINATION

10.1 This Agreement shall commence on the Effective Date and shall continue for the duration of the Term. Thereafter the Agreement shall continue from year to year with each party having the right, without prejudice to its other rights or remedies, to terminate this Agreement on each anniversary of the Effective Date by giving not less than 3 (three) months prior written notice to the other party (the "Extended Term").

10.2 Notwithstanding Clause 10.1, each party shall have the right, without prejudice to its other rights and remedies, to terminate this Agreement immediately by written notice to the other if the other is in material breach of any term of this Agreement and such breach is either incapable of remedy or is capable of remedy but the party in breach has failed to remedy it within thirty (30) days of receipt of a notice from the party not in breach requiring it to do so.

10.3 Termination of this Agreement by whatever means shall not affect any rights, obligations or liabilities of either party which have accrued before termination of this Agreement and/or are intended to continue to have effect beyond termination.

10.4 Upon termination of this Agreement:

10.4.1 each party shall in a timely manner (and in any event within 5 working days) return to the other the Confidential Information and Material owned by the other and destroy any electronic copies of the same, except where it is necessary for Scomis to retain such Confidential Information or Customer Materials to exercise any rights granted under this Agreement or by law which is intended to survive termination of this Agreement; and

10.4.2 save in the case of the Customer’s breach pursuant to Clause 10.2, Scomis shall, at the Customer’s written request, provide reasonable assistance to the Customer to ensure an orderly transfer of the Services to the Customer or a new service provider. Such assistance shall be provided on a time and materials basis at Scomis’ then standard hourly fee rates.

11 MISCELLANEOUS

11.1 If there is a dispute that may arise out of or relate to this Agreement, Scomis and the Customer will use their reasonable endeavours to negotiate in good faith and settle the dispute. If this is not possible, the Customer’s Manager or Scomis’ Head of Service Management (as appropriate) who identifies such dispute shall notify the other in writing specifying the nature of the dispute (“Matter in Dispute”). Failing personnel agreeing a solution in writing within 10 working days of such notice, either person may refer the Matter in Dispute to the Headmaster or Head of Scomis (as appropriate), who shall then attempt to resolve the Matter in Dispute in good faith within 10 working days from the date of the reference.

11.2 A person who is not a party to this Agreement has no right under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce or to enjoy the benefit of any term of this Agreement.
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11.3 All notices which are required to be given under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be sent to the Customer’s Manager or Head of Scomis (as appropriate) at the address of the recipient set out in the Order Form (or such other person or address as either party may indicate by at least fourteen (14) days prior written notice to the other party). Any such notice may be delivered personally or by first class pre-paid letter and shall be deemed to have been received: by hand-delivery – at the time of delivery; and by first class post – 2 working days after the date of posting. For the avoidance of doubt, notice given under this Agreement shall not be validly served if sent by email.

11.4 This Agreement and all documents referred to herein contains the whole agreement between the parties relating to the subject matter of this Agreement and, save as expressly set out herein, supersedes all previous agreements, representations (other than fraudulent) oral or written, and all other prior communications between the parties relating to the same.

11.5 The Customer shall not assign, transfer or sub-contract or deal in any other manner with this Agreement without the prior written consent of Scomis (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed). Scomis is entitled to assign, transfer or sub-contract this Agreement (in whole or in part) to any third party on notice to the Customer. Such notice may be in writing or (notwithstanding Clause 11.3) by email.

11.6 The Customer shall not, without Scomis’ prior written consent, at any time from the date of this Agreement to the expiry of 6 (six) months after the termination of this Agreement, solicit or entice away from Scomis or employ or attempt to employ any person who is, or has been, engaged as an agent, employee, consultant, engineer or subcontractor of Scomis in the provision of the Services.

11.7 Nothing in this Agreement is intended to, or shall, operate to:

11.7.1 create a partnership or joint venture of any kind between Scomis and the Customer;
11.7.2 authorise either party to act as agent for the other party; and/or
11.7.3 authorise either party to act in the name or on behalf of, or otherwise bind, the other party in any way.

11.8 No failure to exercise and no delay in exercising on the part of either party any right, power or privilege hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right, power or privilege preclude the enforcement of any other right, power or privilege nor shall the waiver for any breach of any provision herein be taken or held to be a waiver of the provision itself. Any waiver to be effective must be in writing.

11.9 If any part of this Agreement is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, unlawful or unenforceable then such part shall be severed from the remainder of the Agreement which shall continue to be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

11.10 Scomis may amend this Agreement by giving written notice to the Customer signed by a duly authorised Scomis representative PROVIDED THAT if Scomis wish to make a change to this Agreement that will have a material adverse effect on the Services and/or during the Term there are any changes to the terms of an arrangement in place between Scomis and a supplier which relate to the Services, Scomis shall be entitled to vary this Agreement immediately without the Customer’s consent on notice solely to reflect such change and/or changes in its supply chain arrangements. If Scomis makes changes to this Agreement that will have a material adverse effect on the Services (excluding those made due to supply chain changes), the Customer shall be entitled to terminate this Agreement on not less than 30 days notice within 1 month of such change. Where Scomis make changes to this Agreement that will have a material adverse effect on the Services and are made due to changes in Scomis’ supply chain, the Customer shall be entitled, within 1 month of such change, to terminate this Agreement on the next anniversary of the Effective Date. Scomis shall wherever practicable give the Customer reasonable written notice of such proposed changes. Any amendment proposed by the Customer to this Agreement must be in writing and signed by a duly authorised representative from each party.

11.11 This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which when executed and delivered shall constitute an original of this Agreement, but all the counterparts shall together constitute the same Agreement.

11.12 This Agreement shall be governed by and shall be construed in accordance with the laws of England and Wales and the parties hereby submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English Courts.

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**SCHEDULE 1           CUSTOMER RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. fully co-operate with Scomis in all matters relating to this Agreement;

1.2 provide Scomis, its engineers and employees, in a timely manner and at no charge, with access to and use of all of its information (including all Customer Materials), personnel, facilities and relevant parts of the Locations as may be reasonably required by Scomis for the purpose of providing the Services under this Agreement and provide adequate insurance with a reputable insurer and undertake a duty of care for Scomis, its engineers and employees solely when providing the Services at the Location. The Customer shall provide Scomis with a copy of such insurance policy on Scomis’ request;

1.3 appoint the Customer’s Manager (as set out in the Order Form) in relation to this Agreement, who shall have the authority contractually to bind the Customer on all matters relating to this Agreement. The Customer’s Manager shall:

1.3.1 provide and maintain, to Scomis, a list of the Customer’s key users of Scomis service including title, first name, surname, job role and contact details. This information is required to enable Scomis to log a call for the Customer;

1.3.2 provide the Customer’s name, organisation, contact telephone number (including extension) and availability times, together with a description of the problem and any related reference numbers, when calling the Scomis Service Desk; and

1.3.3 ensure that the Customer’s users have a reasonable understanding of the Customer’s ICT infrastructure and problems reported to the Scomis Service Desk shall solely relate to faults and errors with the Customer Materials;

1.4 inform Scomis in writing of all health and safety rules and regulations and any other reasonable security requirements that apply at the Locations and take all reasonable precautions to protect the health and safety of Scomis’ employees and engineers whilst at the Locations;

1.5 use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that any information that it supplies to Scomis which is required for Scomis to provide the Services is complete, accurate and in the format agreed by the parties. If the Customer discovers that such information is incorrect or inaccurate it will promptly notify Scomis of such errors and provide a correction as soon as reasonably practicable;

1.6 be responsible (at its own cost) for ensuring that:

- throughout the Term its hardware and telecommunications links (including, but in no way limited to, the internet and the remote link between Scomis and the Location) are fully operational; and

- its network, telecommunications links and systems comply with the relevant specifications provided by Scomis from time to time, including the hardware, remote link and internet connection to be used with the Service conforming to the Scomis approved products’ specification set out in Schedule 2 (Scomis Approved Products) Part 1.
The Customer acknowledges and agrees that:

1.6.1 the consistency and quality of the Service provided by Scomis is dependant on the remote link, speed of the Customer’s internet connection to Scomis and amount of available disk space on the Customer’s hardware;

1.6.2 the remote link being fully operational and Scomis being able to access the Customer’s ICT systems via the remote link to diagnose the fault or error is a condition precedent for Scomis to be able to provide the Services; and

1.6.3 Scomis will attempt to eliminate all possible causes of the fault or error with the Customer Materials remotely before making a site visit to the Location;

1.7 ensure that all equipment necessary for the performance of the Services is: maintained in accordance with the relevant manufacturer’s recommendations; kept in appropriate environmental conditions where appropriate security measures are maintained for such equipment; in good working order; and ready and suitable to for the purposes for which it is used in relation to the Services;

1.8 report all faults with equipment covered by the Service to Scomis in a timely manner of the Customer becoming aware of such fault;

1.9 maintain security of all workstations that access the Services, ensuring that up-to-date Windows and anti-virus updates and protection procedures are applied, maintained and used on a regular basis; and

1.10 ensure that all users only use the specific account allocated to them, all passwords are changed regularly (and in any event no less than quarterly) and must be kept confidential and users do not write down or share these details with anyone else.
PART 1 MINIMUM SPECIFICATION

Supported Hardware Specifications

These are the minimum supported hardware specifications, please contact us for advice relating to a specific role, i.e. Exchange server.

- 3.00 GHz processor or higher (Quad Core 2.4 GHz recommended for optimum performance).
- Memory 2GB DDR2 Ram (recommended 4GB or higher).
- 160GB Serial ATA Hard Drive.
- Display 1024x768 or higher monitor resolution.

Disk space guidance: SIMS

- Overhead space - 1GB working space + 1/4GB for SQL Express. Customers should allow 5MB per pupil/student. For example, a 1000 pupil/student school would be advised to have at least 5GB free for SIMS.
- Document Server - At least 10GB of free disk space should be dedicated to the document server.
- File Server - 2GB for applications and SIMS Setups folder.

Additional Requirements for Scomis Remote Backup Service Users:

You will need to ensure that you have sufficient disk space available on the server or workstation. It is recommended that the free space available on the device needs to be 150% of the amount of data (i.e. if you have 1GB of data, you will need 1.5GB of free disk space).

64 bit recommendation

We strongly recommend that you only deploy 32bit operating systems on workstations. Scomis do not provide support for any DTSAPPS running on a 64 bit operating system.

Internet Connectivity Spec

A minimum of a 2Mb synchronous uncontended connection with unlimited upload and download data transfer capacity.

Current Supported Software Versions

Please see http://faq.scomis.org/kb3487 for a maintained version.

The Customer shall ensure that its software at the Location shall be the then current or previous 2 releases/versions of such software.
PART 2 SCOMIS SERVICE DESK

Scomis will maintain a Service Desk available to subscribers solely for support of the software and technical infrastructure that a Customer purchases pursuant to the Order Form. The Customer acknowledges and agrees that:

• the Service Desk will be available for support:
  > in term time Monday to Thursday, 7:30am to 5:30pm and Friday, 7:30am to 5:00pm (excluding public holidays in England);
  > 9:00am to 5:00pm during school holiday periods (excluding public holidays in England and up to an additional 3 working days between Christmas and New Year);
  > by telephone on 01392 385300 and fax on 01392 385302. 24hr answer phone and e-mail (scomis@devon.gov.uk) services, plus logging via http://www.devon.gov.uk/scomis (the “Website”), are also available;

• support documentation is maintained on the Website in support of the Scomis Service Desk;

• remote online support is available to the Customer from the Scomis Service Desk via a remote link to provide support to attempt to solve Customer problems with the supported software and technical infrastructure;

• save as otherwise stipulated under Clause 3.2 (Customer Responsibilities), there is no limit to the number of telephone calls the Customer may make under this Agreement, although Scomis may amalgamate or escalate (in accordance with Clause 11.1) all related faults and/or errors with the supported products and services and reserves the right to review this where demands are excessive as a result of the Customer not attending relevant training or where third parties make changes to Customer’s systems without Scomis’ prior written agreement;

• non-chargeable on-site visits to the Location, to resolve a reported problem, will only be made at the discretion of the Scomis Service Desk Manager, where such site visit solely relates to faults and errors with the software and after every effort has been taken to solve the problem by the Service Desk remotely. All other visits by Scomis to the Location to resolve a reported problem will be charged in line with Scomis' then current on-site costs set out on the then current version of the Website;

• if the Customer has an issue with an outstanding Scomis Service Desk call then this must be raised or escalated in accordance with Clause 11.1 at the earliest opportunity.

This Scomis Service Desk is for telephone support only and is not a substitute for proper staff training regarding the Customer’s software and ICT infrastructure and on-site technical support.
At the heart of everything we do is joined up thinking.