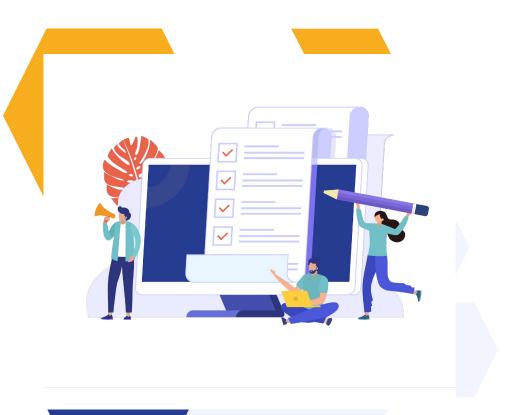
Setting up your new cycle

In Year



How to see your new form

Click on the blue wording in the upper left of your dashboard and then click "forms area/multiple forms".



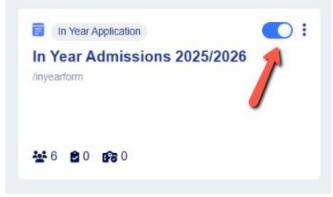


Your forms area will appear and will look something like this:



Your new form will already have been created for you (cloned from your previous cycle) and you will see it in this area.

Turn the toggle switch on to make it active - it needs to be active to enable importing/exporting with your MIS.



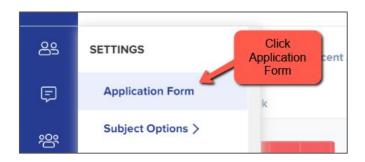
How to close your old form

Now that the previous cycle has finished, you don't want parents completing anything on that form.

Click on the name of your old form in your forms area to access the dashboard.

Navigate to **settings > application form > phase view**.



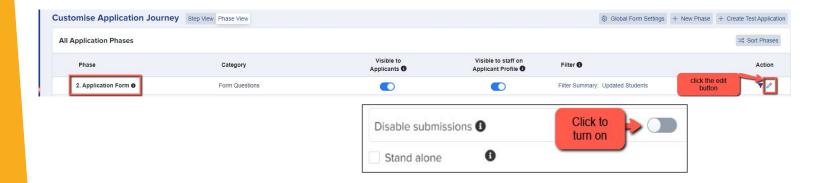




Within phase view, click the pencil icon for your application form; turn on "disable submissions".

This will ensure no existing forms can be edited on your old form - that data is now all managed within your MIS.

You could also turn all phases off if you wish, using the toggle switches.

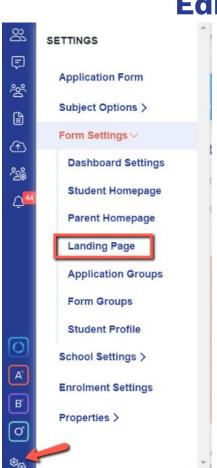


You can also archive old application forms in your forms area if you wish to keep your main forms area tidy.





Editing your landing page and other messages



Navigate to **settings > form settings > landing page**.

Click the "edit" button to make changes.

Here you can edit your initial message to parents by clicking "customise texts and buttons".

You can also update any images here as needed, under "general settings" - ensure your logos and images are up-to-date.

If parents apply via the Local Authority:

Choose the setting shown here on your landing page - it should already be selected if you have cloned from a Year 7 or Reception form, or from last year's In Year form.

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If parents apply directly to your school:

Choose the setting shown here on your landing page - this will enable them to create their own accounts.

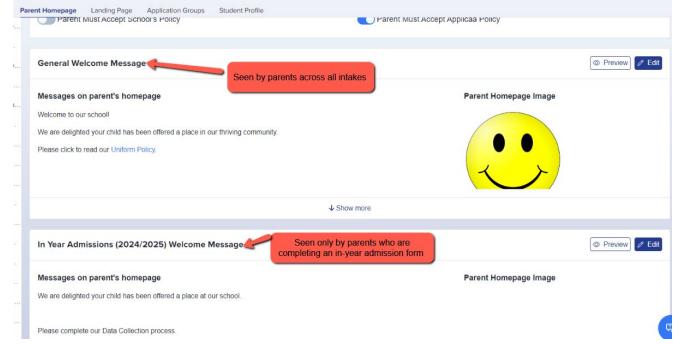
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Editing your Parent Homepage



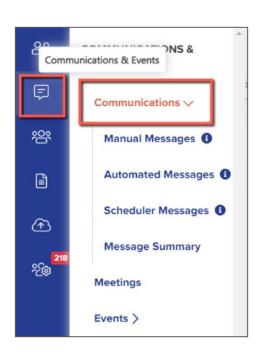
(settings > form settings > parent homepage)

On the Parent Homepage you can add a general message, and a welcome message specific to the intake you are currently working on.

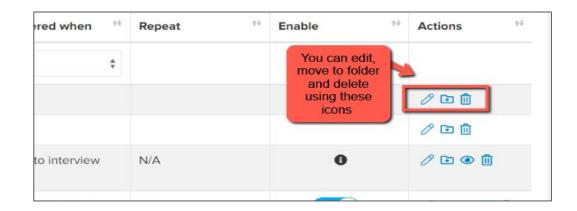


Checking your email templates

The email templates area is really useful and can automate a lot of your processes!



There are several automated emails you will need to check - you can preview and edit them by scrolling right on the table



Top Tip: check all active emails to make sure the wording is appropriate for your setting - ensure there is no "Post 16" wording in your templates and that emails are being sent from an appropriate address.

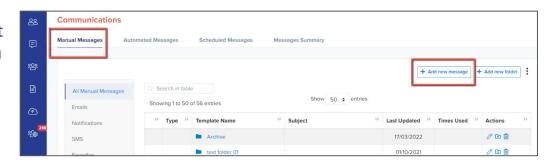
Priorities for checking ahead of launch:

Parent Confirmation Instructions	Welcome to Green Abbey School's Online Application Form	admin@applicaa.com	Parent	Parent	Registration	Parent confirmation instructions
Parent Welcome	Welcome to Putney Hiah School	test@applicaa.com	Parent	Staff	Registration	Parent welcome
Notify Parent Application Complete	((STUDENT_FIRST_N AME)) ((STUDENT_LAST_N AME)) has completed their application to Green Abbey School	admin@applicaa.com	Parent	Parent, Applicant	Application Form	Notify parent application complete

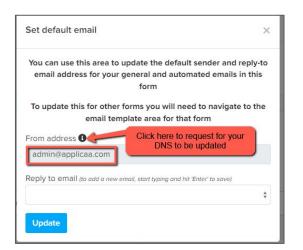
Parent Confirmation Instructions would be sent to a parent if your setup is that they apply directly to you; they would self-register and verify their account.

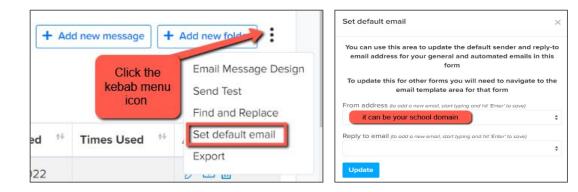
Parent Welcome would be sent to a parent if your setup is that parents apply via the Local Authority and would only be given access to your system once a place has been confirmed. You would create their account for them and send them this email, which contains their login credentials.

Create any manual templates now so they are set and ready to use later on in the cycle - future you will be grateful!



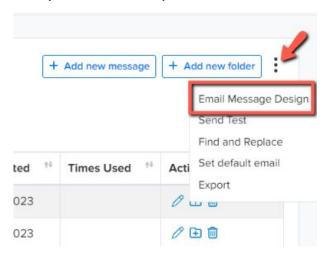
Check who the emails are being sent from and who the replies will come to - set your defaults here:

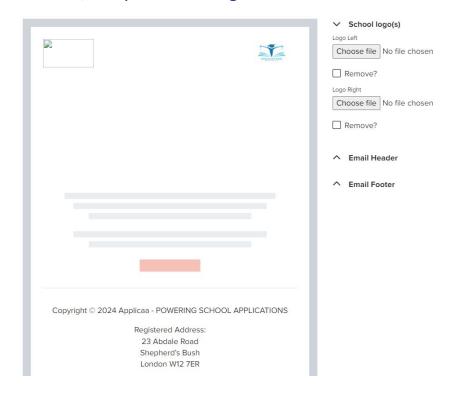




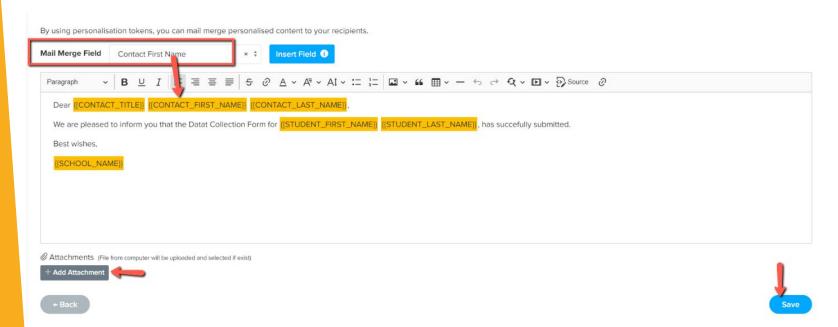
If you are seeing "admin@applicaa.com" in the From address, this means you have not requested a DNS update. You can request this by clicking this icon and adding the details for your IT Manager - it will then mean you can send emails from your own school domain!

Customise your email templates in bulk - add a header and footer, and your school logos.



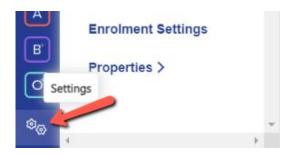


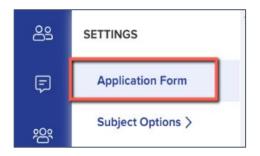
Insert mail merge fields and add attachments as required to personalise your messages.



Your application phases and settings

Navigate to **settings > application form > phase view** and turn on the phases appropriate for your process (could be all three if parents apply to you directly, or just the admission form).

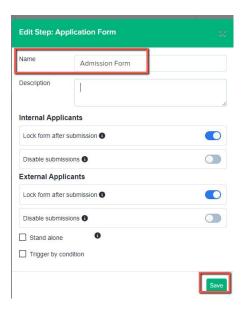






You should also check the names of your phases to ensure they are appropriate to your intake. You can customise them yourself by clicking the pencil icons:





Within step view, make any changes to questions/fields - have you got new User Defined Fields to add in? Are there questions you wish you'd asked applicants last cycle? Now is the time to add those in!

Navigate to **settings > application form** and click on the name of a step to open it.

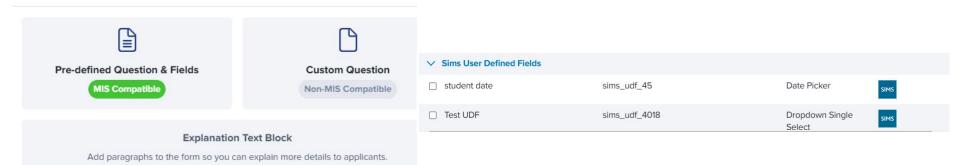
Click "+ New Question" and you will be prompted to choose what you would like to add.

UDFs can write back to your MIS, so they are great for capturing extra data that you don't have to manually input - you'll find them under "Pre-defined questions and fields".

You can also add questions in as "Custom Questions" - these will NOT write back to your MIS.

Here is a link to our form customisation guide.

Add a new question

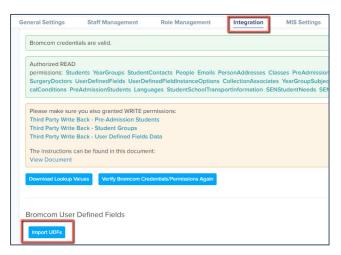


Not seeing your **User Defined Fields**? This will mean you need to make an update in your MIS first and then refresh!

Add your UDFs in your MIS, then:

For SIMS, log into the A+ SIMS App - it will scan for updates and ask you to carry the updates over into A+.

For cloud-based MIS, go to settings > school settings > integration and click to Import UDFs.





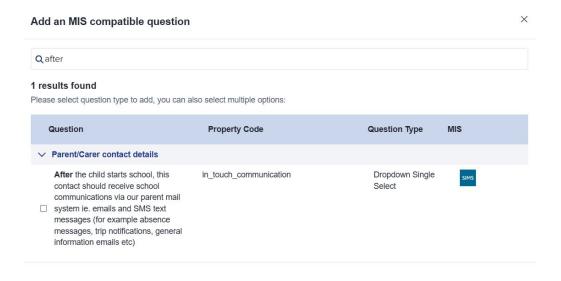
General Settings	Staff Management	Role Management	Integration	MIS
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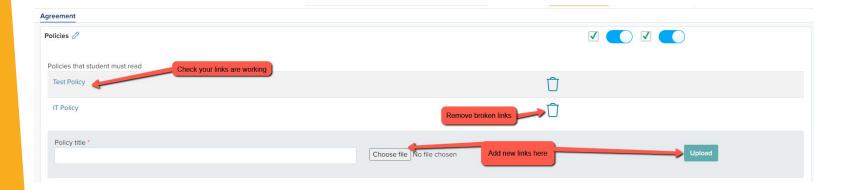
This field is NOT active by default on Admissions+ but if you use it, it is available to add into your application form - once you have added it once, it will remain there year after year.

If you use In Touch and would like to activate that field so it writes back to SIMS:

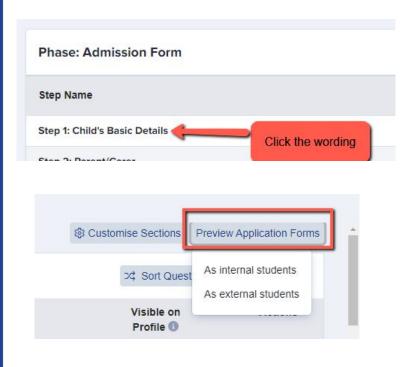
- go to the Parent/Carer step of your application form
- Click + New Question
- Click parent/carer contact details and select the In Touch question to add it to your form



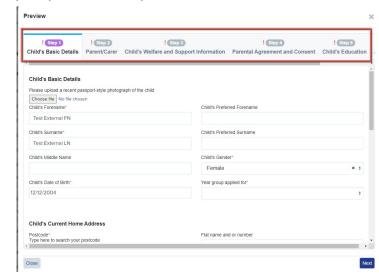
Check the links to any policies in your Agreement and Consent step - **policies do not copy over from your previous form.** This is to encourage you to ensure the newest versions of your policies are shared with applicants each cycle.



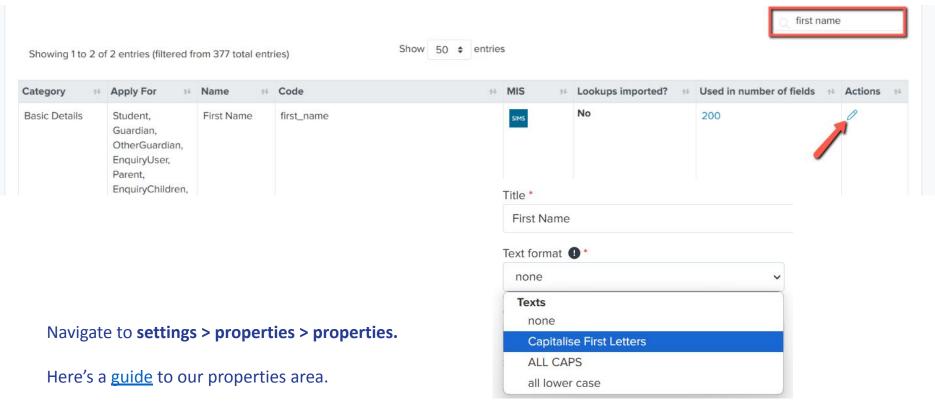
Preview the whole form and check if it is all working as expected!



Preview the application form as **external students** (students who are not currently on your school roll) to see the whole form from the perspective of a parent.



Configure your **properties** so they are correctly formatted for transfer to your MIS.

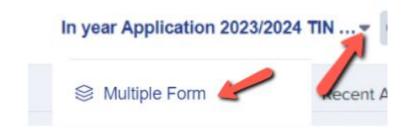


You will see the option to configure properties like Postcode formatting to ensure it is entered in ALL CAPS, or format First Name and Last Name to Capitalise First Letters, for example.

Adding the new link to your website

You can obtain the link to your new form and add it to your website - this will be particularly helpful if parents apply directly to you.

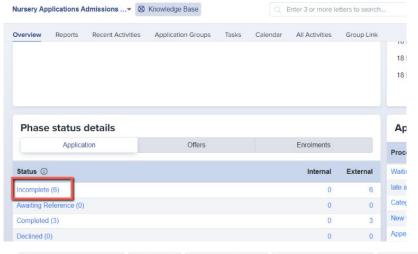
Navigate to the blue wording in the upper left hand corner and click to access your forms area



Here, you can "click to copy" and share as needed.



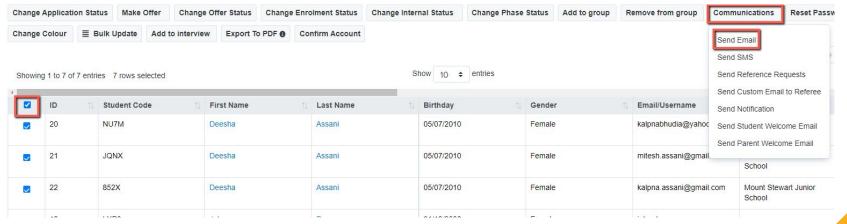
You can chase **incomplete** forms by sending reminders to parents - either manually, or by scheduling an email to go to them every few days.



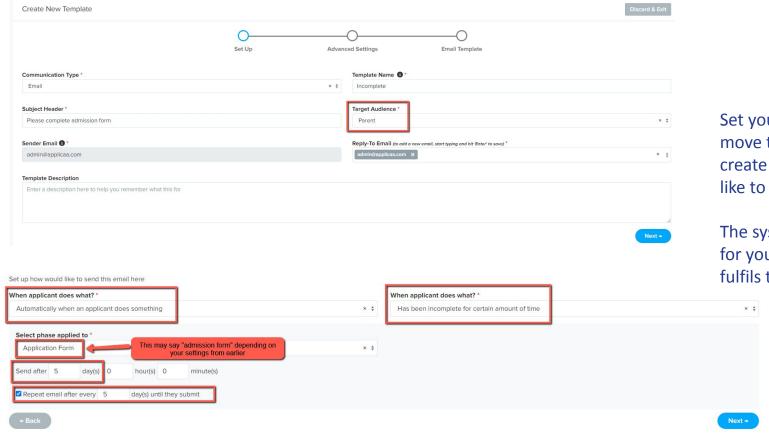
Click on the word "incomplete" to view the list of students in this status.

Select them all and click "communications" > "send email".

This will enable you to send an email the parents of the selected students.



To schedule an email to go to them every few days, navigate to **communications and events > communications > manual messages** and click **+ New Message**:



Set your parameters and move through the wizard to create the email you would like to send.

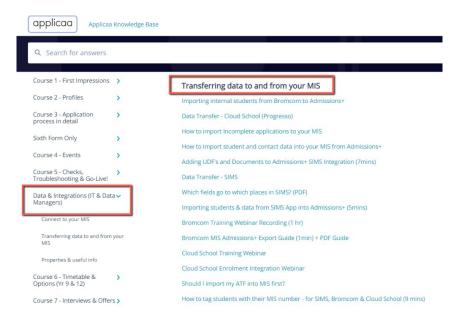
The system will then send it for you to anyone who fulfils the criteria.

IMPORTING DATA TO YOUR MIS

The process of importing your completed data into your MIS varies, depending which MIS you use.

Check the relevant guide on our <u>Knowledge Base</u> to follow the steps specific to your MIS.

If you have any difficulties please call us on 020 3667 0764.

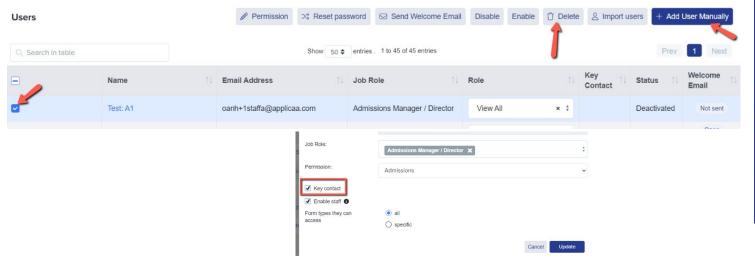


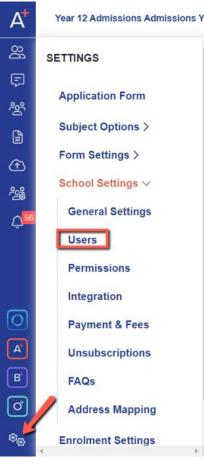
Update Staff Users

Check your list of staff users, particularly if you have had a change in personnel over the summer.

Ensure any staff who no longer work there are removed, and that new colleagues are added.

Set your Key Contacts - anyone set as a Key Contact will receive information from us such as important system updates, invitations to events etc (we send these by email).









THANK YOU