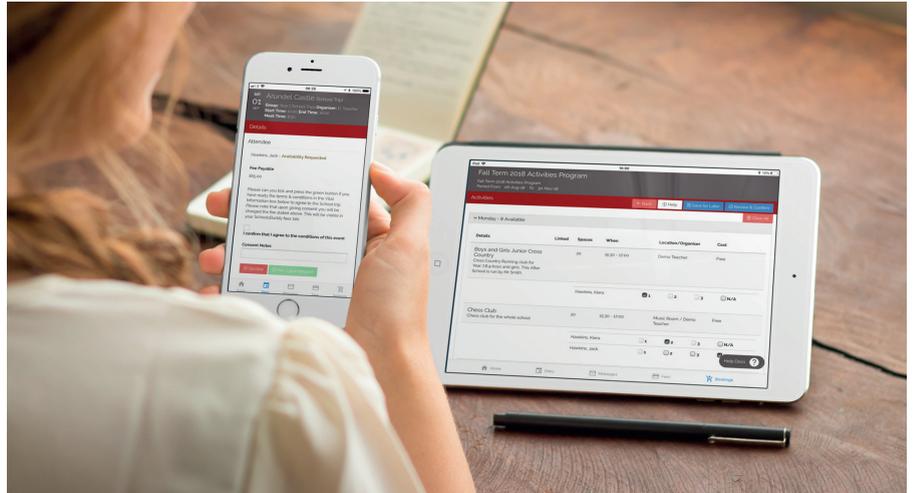# SchoolsBuddy

A cloud-based software platform for consolidating different school administration tasks into a single portal

- An intelligent software tool that combines all non-MIS tasks automating workflow and management processes
- A unique and progressive system that reduces admin time by 50%
- Used in over 28 countries for activities management, payments, bookings, Comms, parent conferences, sports teams and more
- Engaging parent-friendly software for reliable and accurate communication through web or app

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Schools need to run like clockwork, have their finger on the pulse and join the dots. Anything less will make them look amateurish, disorganised and unprofessional.

SchoolsBuddy is a sophisticated system that rationalises your administration by putting it all in one place. It's a practical and powerful platform helps schools operate numerous systems flawlessly, so that sutff gets done and staff get some headspace. It de-clutters and multitasks, and knows who's who, what's what and where.

Instead of using a dozen systems that don't communicate with each other, SchoolsBuddy brings everything together into one system so that there are no gaps or oversights. What that means is that schools can smoothly combine under one umbrella everything from parental communications to activities management, fee collections, after-school club sign ups and parents' evening bookings. To that you can also add mobile registers, sports organisation and school trip management.

It might sound like wizardry, but the powerful algorithms at work within SchoolsBuddy make the process intuitive and easy to set up. It makes numerous tasks accessible via a browser-based and mobile-enabled interface that can be fully integrated with a school's MIS, thus making processes that might have once have taken hours last mere minutes.

It can also supercharge your school-wide internal communications and help to build better home/school links. Everything entered can be made to appear in the diaries of staff, parents and pupils alike, ready for viewing via your smartphone. Ahead of your next parents' evening, parents can look up a slot and instantly book it there and then, thanks to SchoolsBuddy.

Parents will further love the fact that they can book their children into breakfast and after-school clubs, extra-curricular activities and pay for trips with just a few taps. Teachers will in turn love it for the way it presents a single system for hitherto separate and fiddly admin tasks, such as consent seeking, gathering sign-ups and collecting payments. It can even manage the tricky business of popular clubs that become over-subscribed, through a brilliant preference system that will automatically allocate choices and produce registers.

The great thing about SchoolsBuddy is that it's customisable, allowing schools to select specific modules based on what they need it to do, rather than having to buy into everything at once.

If you're of the view that your present systems aren't cutting the mustard, then take a look at what SchoolsBuddy can offer. Its creators have clearly thought about what teachers and parents need when it comes to co-ordinating and organising their daily activities, and delivered a system that leaves nothing to chance.

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✔ Perfect for organising extracurricular and wraparound care provision
✔ Massively improves safeguarding arrangements
✔ A simple to use and intuitive dashboard
✔ Hassle-free and cost-effective
✔ Reduces paper use, while cutting down on spreadsheets and Google forms
✔ Reduces complexity and makes time management a breeze

UPGRADE IF...

You're looking for a sleek, smart and common sense system to improve your communications and administrative tasks. This multi-purpose tool is a vast and wide-ranging integrated solution for being on the ball. SchoolsBuddy is costed according to school size, with prices varying from £500 to £1400. Remote training is also available.

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