

# A T O M W I D E

## USO-PARENTLINK

With many schools looking for ways to increase parental engagement through online reporting tools, Atomwide has developed USO-ParentLink for use by schools that subscribe to Unified Sign-On (USO) authentication.

### Key features:

- Creates personal USO accounts for parents through a fully-guided, simple process
- Gives parents direct access to up-to-date information on their children's attendance and behaviour
- Offers an easy-to-use, intuitive interface that shows key information with minimal effort
- Allows parents to check that data held about them by schools is accurate
- Allows parents to review their children's progress through a single parent USO account even if children are attending different schools
- Allows schools to decide what information to make available to parents independently of the LA



ParentLink is a secure, public-facing web site, with a user-friendly interface, that gives parents and guardians easy access to school-related information. The data displayed shows what information is held by their children's schools about them and their children.

The site is a secure and easy-to-use portal that encourages parental involvement in their children's education by providing up-to-date information such as attendance, behaviour and achievements.

When they first use the site, parents are guided through the process of creating their own USO accounts which they then link to their children's accounts. Account creation is a secure process where user identity is verified through information collected from the school's MIS. During the registration process, an authorisation code is sent to the mobile number which the school holds for the parent. This code must be entered, along with the child's USO username, in order to validate an account application. Parents can then use a single USO account to view information about children who attend different schools even if those schools are in different LAs. The only pre-requisite is that the schools subscribe to the ParentLink service and make the information available to view.

LAs and schools can choose what data they expose to parents as they have full control over each field. These settings can be decided by each school individually and school-level decisions will override any LA-level configuration.

## Key features:

- Lets schools easily change what information they display via an online management interface
- Site is populated with information taken directly from the school's SIMS database via USO-AutoUpdate; support for other MIS products is planned for release during 2011
- Visible data is refreshed with each new export via USO-AutoUpdate

The information available on their children's school performance and attendance can be displayed with the degree of detail chosen by the LA or school. For example, behaviour data can be configured to show details of what happened, when, what action was taken and any other fields that have been completed in SIMS. The amount of data displayed regarding attendance or achievements can also be controlled in a similar manner at the school or LA level.

When logged into the site, parents can check the accuracy of the contact details which each school holds for them and ensure that these are correct. Additionally, they will be able to see any other contacts the school has registered for their child, or children, if, for example, they are unavailable in the case of an emergency.

Schools and LAs can also upload messages or updates to the site for parents to see when they log in to the service.



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