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Pre Academic Year End - Guide



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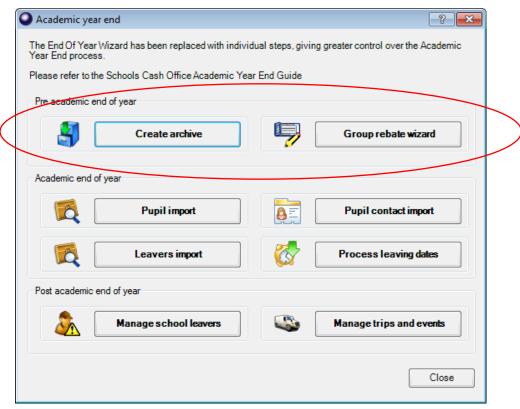
1. About this document

This is the first of three guides to take you through the whole Academic Year End process.

The guides are as follows:

• Pre Academic Year End

 These are the tasks that need to be carried out in Schools Cash Office prior to commencing the Academic Year End process itself.



Academic Year End Process

 These are the tasks that need to be completed at the start of the autumn term.

Post Academic Year End

 These are the tasks which can be done at the end of the process but some are optional.

Some of the tasks detailed in this document are optional.

The Pre Academic Year End checklist will assist you to carry out the tasks detailed in this document. You can mark tasks as complete as you work through the step by step instructions.

2. Pre Academic Year End Checklist

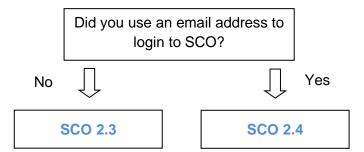
Print this list and mark each section as you complete it – cross through anything that isn't applicable.

| Task | Applicable to | Complete |
|--|--|----------|
| Mark final year pupils as leavers in MIS | All | |
| Prepare new pupil data in MIS | All | |
| Create an Archive | SCO Version 2.3 only | |
| Set term dates | Dinner Money and Extended day users only | |
| Generate catering returns | Dinner Money users only | |
| Update Dinner Money prices | Dinner Money users only | |
| Update Extended Day prices | Extended Day users only | |
| Check Pupil IDs | ALL | |
| Update Pupil IDs | ALL (if applicable) | |
| Check SCO Settings | ALL | |
| Check account balances for leavers | ALL | |
| Remove account balances for leavers | ALL (if applicable) | |



What version of Schools Cash Office am I using?

To check what version you are using log into SCO:



3. Mark final year pupils as leavers in MIS system

This process is carried out using your existing MIS system, e.g. SIMS, Integris, CMIS etc. The information will be used to create a leavers report for SCO at a later stage.

Please refer to your MIS manual for assistance.



Now move on to section 4.

Completed

4. Prepare new pupil data in MIS system

This process involves adding pupil details into your MIS system e.g. SIMS, Integris, CMIS etc. You do not need to create a new academic year data report in your MIS or import any data into SCO at this stage.

Please refer to your MIS manual for assistance.



Now move on to section 5.

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5. Create an Archive (SCO version 2.3 only)



Before commencing the Academic Year End process you must create an archive of your current SCO database. This can be used to view data if necessary.

NOTE: This option is not available to schools using SCO version 2.4 or later.

- Start Schools Cash Office (on any PC with SCO installed).
- Click on the Admin tab.
- Click on End of academic year.
- Click on Create archive.
- Click Yes.
- Enter a title e.g. Academic Year 2014/15.
- Click on OK.
- Click on Close.



If you use:

Dinner Money and/or Extended day refer to sections 6,7,8 and 9.
Otherwise continue to section 10.

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6. Set term dates - Dinner Money / Extended Day users only

If you wish to enter your term dates and show your school as closed during holiday periods in the Dinner Money and/or Extended Day modules, complete the following:



WARNING - <u>Do not Change</u> existing term dates – you should <u>Add</u> new term dates.

Version 2.3

- Click on the Configuration tab, Run Setup Wizard,
- Enter first and final year groups in your school.
- Click on **Next**, click **Set Term Dates**, then follow the **Both versions** instructions below to complete the setup.

Version 2.4

Click on the Configuration tab, System Options, under General tab next to Set up term
dates click Set up, then follow the Both versions instructions below to complete the
setup.

Both versions

- Scroll down to the bottom of the listed term dates, if necessary.
- Click on Add to enter School opens and School closes dates.
- Click on Done.
- Repeat for each half term.
- Enter any Day Closures.
- Click on **Done**.
- Click on Close.
- On the **Dinners** tab, click **Settings**, **Term dates**. Term dates will be updated automatically. Click on **Done**.
- On the Extended day tab, click Settings, Session dates.
- Click Merge standard term dates at the bottom of the screen to update session dates.
- Click on **Done**. Repeat for each Extended day club.



Now move on to section 7

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7. Generate Catering Returns – Dinner Money users only

If you use the Dinner Money module AND submit electronic Catering Returns, you need to ensure that they have all been submitted before you move onto the next guide.

- On the **Dinners tab** click on **Reports**.
- Click on Manage Catering Returns.
- All reports that haven't been signed off will need to be processed as such. Highlight the report and click on **Sign off**.
- Enter your name, click on **OK**.
- Repeat for all the relevant reports.
- SCO version 2.3 only: next, highlight any reports that need to be sent, click on Send.
- Click on OK twice.
- Click on Close.

For **SCO version 2.3** the data synchronisation process runs at 3.00pm. If the M1 form has been sent successfully the Manage catering returns display will show the text "Sent successfully - <date-time stamp> FTP".

For **SCO version 2.4**, M1 is sent as soon as it has been signed off.



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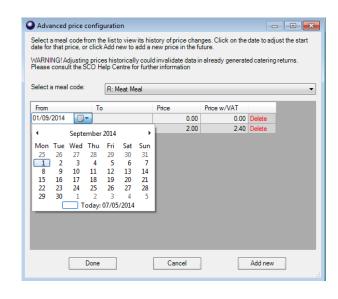
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8. Update Dinner Money prices - Dinner Money users only

If your school has a price increase on meals, the costs can either be entered prior to the new term and marked as Advanced Prices or you can wait until the new term and enter them at least a day before the effective price increase (please refer to the **Academic Year End Process quide** to set the prices at a later date).

To set prices as Advanced Prices:

- On the **Dinners** tab, select **Settings**,
 Meal codes.
- Click Advanced price config.
- Choose the appropriate meal code from the Select a meal code dropdown.
- Click Add new.





Note: this will position the previous price/s at the bottom of the list and enable the top line for new pricing.

- Enter the **From** date on the top line.
- Enter the Price.
- Tab to enter the Price w/VAT (can be changed if required this is the price charged to adults).
- Change the **Select a meal code** dropdown to the next appropriate code.
- Follow the above until all the codes have been amended.
- Click Done.
- Click Done again and then Close.

The new prices will be effective from the date you have entered.



Now move on to section 9.

Completed



9. Update Extended Day prices – Extended Day users only

If your school has a price increase on any clubs, the costs can either be entered prior to the new term and marked as Advanced Prices or you can wait until the new term and enter them at least a day before the effective price increase (please refer to the **Academic Year End Process guide** to set the prices at a later date).

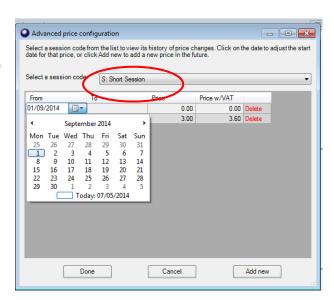
To set prices as Advanced Prices:

- On the **Extended day** tab, select the relevant club.
- Click on Settings, Session codes.
- Click Advanced price config.
- Choose the appropriate session code from the Select a session code dropdown.
- Click Add new.



Note: this will position the previous price/s at the bottom of the list and enable the top line for new pricing.

- Enter the From date on the top line.
- Enter the **Price**.
- Tab to enter the **Price w/VAT** (can be changed if required).



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- Follow the above until all the codes have been amended.
- Click Done.
- Click **Done** again and then **Close**.
- Repeat the above for each club that you have in SCO.

The new prices will be effective from the date you have entered.



Now move on to section 10.

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10. Check Pupil IDs

10.1 Check the type of Pupil ID in SCO

Make a note of the Pupil ID currently used in SCO. This can be cross-checked later to avoid any duplicate pupils or discrepancies during the new import.

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| What is the name of the first pupil? | |
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| What is their pupil ID? | |

What type of ID is it? (tick the applicable box)

| UPN e.g. X123456789123 | |
|---|--|
| Admission No e.g. 001234 | |
| Admission No e.g. 1234 (without leading zeroes) | |
| SIMS ID e.g. 6789 | |



Now move on to section 10.2

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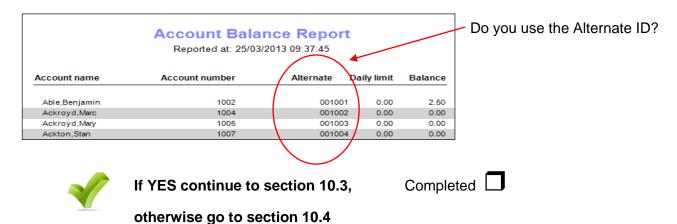


10.2 Do you use the online payments cashless link and the Alternate ID? (SCO version 2.3 only)

| Do you h | lave the online payments cashles: | s link? | |
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| | If YES continue below, | Completed | |
| | otherwise go to section 10.4 | | |

Some SCO version 2.3 schools that have the online payments cashless link may use the Alternate Pupil ID. To find out if you use this setting run the following report:

- In SCO, click on the **Reports** tab.
- Select Account reports.
- Select Account balance report.
- Select Cafeteria account from the drop down.
- Tick Include zero amounts and click OK.



10.3 Is the Alternate ID active? (SCO version 2.3 only)

- On the server locate the SCO folder
- Open the SCOdatasync.ini file

Does the file contain the following text?

[OtherSettings]

IPMHoldsBalance=1

AlternateNumber=1

ShowRunningBalanceOnline=0



If YES please contact Tucasi Support for further assistance 0800 400 4017, otherwise go to section 10.4

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10.4 Does everyone have a Pupil ID?



It is important that **all** Pupils have an ID in SCO, otherwise it may cause duplicates when importing new data.

- In SCO, click on the Accounts tab.
- Click on the Pupil ID heading to sort by Pupil. Any blank IDs will appear at the top.

| Do you | have any blanks? | | |
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| | If YES continue to section 10.5, otherwise go to section 11. | Completed | |

10.5 Update the blank Pupil ID

- In SCO, click on the Accounts tab.
- Click on the **Pupil ID heading** to sort by Pupil ID and group any pupils without Pupil IDs.
- Right-click on the pupil and click on Edit Pupil Details.
- Enter the ID in the Pupil ID field (this can be copied from your MIS pupil database).
- Click on Done.

If Pupil IDs are not entered at this step and duplicate pupils are created, these can be handled by following *Manage duplicate pupils (Post Academic Year End Guide)*. Note that when importing the new pupil data you will see a warning message if duplicate pupils have been detected.

Please note that in SIMS.net, the **ID** field is only available to users who are part of the **Third Party Reporting** group. You may wish to contact your MIS support team for further assistance.

11. Check SCO settings

Ensure that the first year group and final year group settings have been set in SCO:

- Click on the Configuration tab.
- Click on System options.
- In the **General** tab, check the following information is entered correctly:
 - School name
 - Unique school ID
 - Local Authority ID
 - School first year group*
 - School final year group*

*For example, Primary schools would usually be 0 and 6

Infant schools would usually be 0 and 2

Junior schools would usually be 3 and 6

Secondary schools would usually be 7 and 11 or 13

Note: use 0, not R, to represent Reception year group.

Pupil ID field used for imports

Select from PupilID (ie SIMS ID), UPN or Admission Number

- Staff ID field used for imports Select StaffID



- Default year group for imports



This setting is particularly important when importing **Nursery** pupils and allows you to nominate a Year outside of Y0 (reception), Y1 and Y2 to exclude the Nursery from the Universal Free School Meals eligibility. You can enter your preferred Year for Nursery or leave it as 15.

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For example:

Infant schools, enter 3
Junior schools, enter 7
Any other schools, leave as 15

Click on Done



Now move on to section 12.

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12. Check account balances for pupils leaving the school



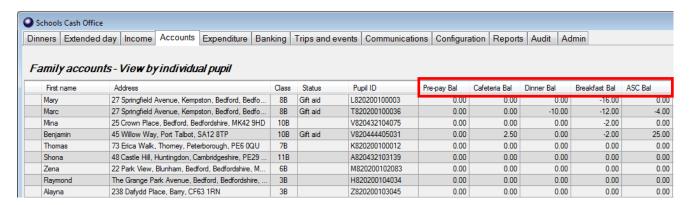
In order to delete pupils, you will need to clear any account balances for leavers (both credit and/or debit balances).

To establish whether there are any pupils with accounts with a non-zero balance:

- In SCO, click on the **Accounts** tab.
- Click on the relevant column heading to sort by the required account, e.g. 'Dinner Bal'.

Note: a single click will display negative balances at the top. Another single click will change grouping into a descending order and display positive balances at the top.

Please also note that the number of columns visible on the Accounts tab depends on the modules licensed in SCO, i.e. schools with no cashless catering link will not be able to see the 'Cafeteria Bal' column. Similarly, schools with no Extended Day module won't see columns such as 'Breakfast Bal' or 'ASC Bal'.



- Export your screen to Excel for easy reference if required.
- Circle as applicable:

| Do you have balances for Dinner Money? | | |
|--|-----|-----|
| Credit | Yes | No |
| If Yes, go to section 13 | | |
| Debit | Yes | No |
| If Yes, go to section 14 | | |
| Do you have balances for Extended Day? | | |
| Credit | Yes | No |
| If Yes, go to section 13 | res | No |
| Debit | Yes | No |
| If Yes, go to section 15 | 165 | INO |

| Do you have balances for Pre-payment account? | | |
|---|-----|----|
| Credit If Yes, go to section 13 | Yes | No |
| Debit | | |
| If Yes, go to section 16 | Yes | No |
| Do you have balances for Cafeteria? | | |
| If Yes, go to section 17 | Yes | No |



If you answered NO to all of the above you have completed the Pre Academic Year End Process.

Completed

You can now proceed to the **Academic Year End Process guide**.

13. Manage *credit* balances for Dinner Money/Extended Day or Prepayment account

Any credit balances for pupils who have left school can either be refunded back to the parent, or can be transferred to a sibling's account.

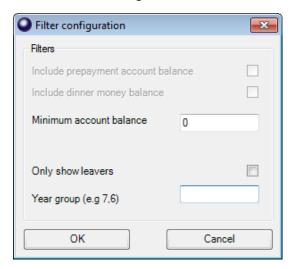
13.1 Refunding credit balances

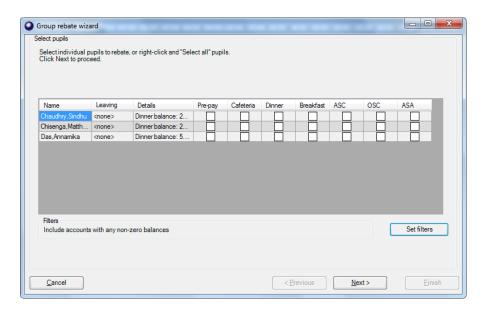
Credit balances can be refunded one at a time or all in one go. This section shows you how to deal with all refunds at the same time.

- In SCO click on the Admin tab.
- Select End of academic year.
- Select Group rebate wizard.

Any pupils who have already been marked as a leaver will be listed on screen. If you have not already marked your leavers you will need to do the following:

- Click the Set filters button.
- Un-tick Only show leavers.
- Enter the year group you wish to rebate and click **OK**.





Any pupils who have a credit balance for dinners, extended day or the pre-payment account will be listed here. You can refund any credits in one go (for example dinners and extended day), or you can just refund dinner money on its own.

You either need to tick the individual boxes or, if you would like to refund all dinner money, right click on the dinner header and choose **Select all**.

- Click Next.
- Select the refund payment method, if you chose cash, follow the next two steps through and confirm the rebate. For cheque you can allocate the cheque numbers against each pupil as follows:

Refunding by cheque

You can either enter one cheque reference, or multiple cheque numbers associated with each pupil.

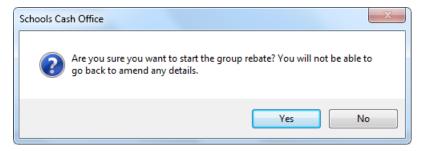
13.1.1 a) One cheque reference

Enter the Payment reference and click Next.

The names of the pupils and refund amount will be listed on screen.

Click Next.

You will get the following message:



Click Yes.

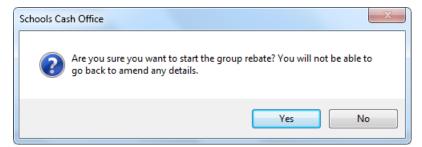
13.1.2 b) Multiple cheque reference

- Tick Manual reference.
- Click Next.

The names of the pupils and refund amount will be listed on screen.

Click Next.

You will get the following message:



- Click Yes.
- You will be promoted to enter the cheque reference, enter the reference and click
 Done.
- Repeat until you have entered all cheques.
- Click Finish.

13.2 Transferring credit balances to siblings

If the pupil has a sibling in school you can transfer the credit balance to their account. This will not affect your banking.

13.2.1 a) Dinner Money

- In SCO click on the **Dinners** tab.
- Click on the **Dinner money transfer** button.
- Click the down arrow and select the 'From account'.
- Click the drop down and select the 'To account'.
- Enter the Amount.
- Click OK.

13.2.2 b) Extended Day

- In SCO click on the Extended Day tab.
- Select the relevant pre-payment area, e.g. Breakfast Club.
- Click on the **Pre-payment account transfer** button.

- Click the down arrow and select the 'From account'.
- Click the drop down and select the 'To account'.
- Enter the Amount.
- Click OK.

13.2.3 c) Pre-payment account

- In SCO click on the Income tab.
- Click on the Account transfer button.
- Click the down arrow and select **General pre-payment account**.
- Click the down arrow and select the 'From account'.
- Click the drop down and select the 'To account'.
- Enter the Amount.
- Click OK.

14. Manage *debit* balances for Dinner Money

If your school uses Tucasi Dinner Money module you will need to clear any balances for pupils that have left school. Debit balances can be collected from the pupil, written off or transferred to a sibling.

14.1 Transferring debit balances to siblings

- In SCO click on the **Dinners** tab.
- Click on the **Dinner money transfer** button.
- Click the down arrow and select the 'From account'.
- Click the drop down and select the 'To account'.
- Enter the **Amount** (this will be a negative amount).
- Click OK.

14.2 Writing off dinner balances

- In SCO click on the **Dinners** tab.
- Click on the Payment button, next to the pupil.
- Select Write off balance.
- The amount is automatically entered and can't be altered.
- Enter Reason for write off.
- Click OK.

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15. Manage *debit* balances for Extended Day

If your school uses Tucasi Extended Day module you will need to clear any balances for pupils that have left school. Debit balances can be collected from the pupil, written off or transferred to a sibling.

15.1 Transferring debit balances to siblings

- In SCO click on the Extended Day tab.
- Click on the **Pre-payment account transfer** button.
- Click the down arrow and select the 'From account'.
- Click the drop down and select the 'To account'.
- Enter the Amount (this will be a negative amount).
- Click OK.

15.2 Writing off extended day balances

- In SCO click on the Extended Day tab.
- Click on the **Payment** button, next to the pupil.
- Select Write off balance.
- The amount is automatically entered and can't be altered.
- Enter Reason for write off.
- Click OK.

16. Manage debit balances for Pre-payment account

You will need to clear any pre-payment account balances for pupils that have left school. Debit balances can be collected from the pupil, written off or transferred to a sibling. This will not affect your banking.

16.1 Collecting the payment from pupils

If you have collected the payment from the pupil you can credit this to the pupil's prepayment account.

- In SCO click on the Income tab.
- Click on the Account deposit button.
- Select the pupil account to add the payment.
- Click **OK**.
- Click the down arrow and select the **General pre-payment account**.
- Enter the amount to deposit.

• Select the relevant payment method, Cash or Cheque.

16.2 Transferring debit balances to siblings

- In SCO click on the Income tab.
- Click on the Account transfer button.
- Click the down arrow and select **General pre-payment account**.
- Click the down arrow and select the 'From account'.
- Click the drop down and select the 'To account'.
- Enter the **Amount** (this will be a negative amount).
- Click **OK**.

16.3 Writing off pre-payment account balances

As a last resort you can write off the balance to allow deletion of the pupil. **Please note there** is no audit trail of this adjustment.

- In SCO click on the Accounts tab.
- Right click on the 'Pre-pay Bal' column header.
- Select Enable set account balances and click Yes.
- The column will go yellow, you are able to change the relevant balances to zero.
- Once you have amended the balances right click on the header again and select
 Disable set account balances.
- Select Yes to save the changes.
- Click **OK**.

17. Manage account balances for Cafeteria account



IMPORTANT: If your school is using the Tucasi link with another cashless catering system (e.g. Cunninghams, CRB, Nationwide, Vericool, Sharp, Uniware or Live Register), you must clear any credit or debit balances in the cashless system and ensure that you don't delete the pupils from your cashless system until the next day to allow both systems to synchronise. After the synchronisation has taken place, the balances will appear correctly online and in Schools Cash Office. You are then able to delete the pupils from your cashless system.

Do NOT refund or transfer these cashless balances in Schools Cash Office.

17.1 What happens if the pupil has been removed from the cashless system?

If the pupil has been removed from your cashless system and you are unable to refund or pay the balance you will need to amend the balance in Schools Cash Office to be able to delete them.

Please note there is no audit trail of this adjustment.

- In SCO click on the Accounts tab.
- Right click on the 'Cafeteria Bal' column header.
- Select Enable set account balances and click Yes.
- The column will go yellow, you are able to change the relevant balances to zero.
- Once you have amended the balances right click on the header again and select
 Disable set account balances.
- Select Yes to save the changes.
- Click **OK**.

You have now completed the Pre Academic Year End process, please move to the next guide.

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