

Furlong Newsletter



Dates for your diary

We run a variety of training courses regularly as part of our support package for SchoolBase customers.

[Click here for full list of Autumn course dates](#)

Courses are held in our Andover office and run from approx. 10am – 4pm

Courses can be booked online, or you can simply download and complete our booking form, and send it to Victoria.Moore-Morton@furlongsolutions.com

New Schools who have recently joined Furlong

We would like to offer a warm welcome to the following schools who have joined Furlong recently:

- Southbank Engineering UTC
- Channing School
- Reach Academy Feltham
- Scarborough UTC
- Open Sky International School
- The Croft Preparatory School
- North London Collegiate School
- Shekou International School
- St Conleth's College
- + many more!

New SchoolBase features!

Our developers have been working hard to get SchoolBase fully online for the beginning of the school year, giving you the option to use the following features to your School's advantage.

Some of the exciting new features that will be included in the upcoming SchoolBase release include:



Seating Planner

Have you discovered the seating plan yet - a great addition allowing a teacher to have a complete set of photographs of their new pupils - it was a Design Tech teacher that suggested this as his school has a rotation every half term and just as soon as he had learned all their names and faces, they all moved on to their next subject. As soon as we announced it, the suggestion was made to be able to highlight certain children - might be EFL children, G&T or whatever a school wants - that's all included.



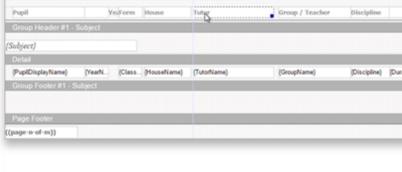
Adaptive Screen

With more and more teachers and parents switching from desktop to mobile devices, we have recognised the need for adaptive design - now all new elements are being built in that style and we are rapidly rebuilding the older online forms. Thus SchoolBase users can use any device and enjoy all functionality. There will be some limits - creating a new timetable on a phone just will not work! To ensure that parents can logon from their mobiles we have already made to logon screen fully adaptive - much easier to use.

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Aardvark, Eleanor	7	6694	KOC	0	0	⋮
Aardvark, Emma	8	771	DKM	0	1	⋮
Aardvark, Thomas (Tom)	10	2075	HML	3	2	⋮
Bayliss, Isaac	9	6747	SAK	0	0	⋮
Isaac, Elizabeth	11	3029	AEG	1	0	⋮

New Look Pupil Finder

The pupil information that users see on the finder is now fully under your control. You don't like that which comes a standard then simply turn off what you don't want and, if you wish, add that which you do want. The same functionality has been applied to the MarkBook and by September will be in the report writers. The eventual aim is to have it wherever you see a list of pupils.



Report Designer

A great new tool that makes it so much simpler for staff to find the right report - and it does not need Access or Crystal and opens in seconds. It even links to the export builders so you can select the data you want in a report, save it, create the report and immediately distribute to a group of staff.



Gadget News

There are many new gadgets to explore - we will be releasing a new guide to all online functions very shortly, but for now the current guide can be accessed by following the link below. Overseas schools asked for, and now have, a gadget to highlight expat staff who's visas or passports were about to expire. There's a new Real Timetable gadget available to all users. When setting up gadgets you can now make them simpler and cleaner.

[Read More](#)

What's happening internationally?



Alex McCloy completed his first month at the Furlong office in Andover and has now travelled to Bangkok to join our Thailand based team to carry out his role in International Sales.

Language - SchoolBase can now be delivered in any language. With full interpretation, Chinese parents will be able to use the browser based system in the language of their choice, this also applies to Ex Pats.

Plans for the near future ...

We are always looking to improve and develop our software, and that is why plans are already underway to introduce yet more features. A few of which include:

Library Integration – Any pupil information already in the SchoolBase system can be integrated into the library function

Audit Trail – Following the success of auditing in registers and parent information we are looking to apply the audit trail to every key stroke made in the SchoolBase system

Adaptive – We are now looking at getting everything adaptive, so that all functions of SchoolBase can be used with ease on any device

Parent App – After completing the task of getting all SchoolBase functions browser based, we will be creating apps

Chorale Replacement

For all those schools eagerly awaiting the Chorale replacement, watch this space, the release is due this September

New Faces



As the business continues to grow, there is continuous requirement for motivated and driven individuals to join our team. We would like to offer a warm welcome to our new developer Jacquie Read. We have two new starters Gaz Franklin and Daniel Baker joining the development team in July, as we power through to get everything fully online by September. Also joining the team are Sheena Chandarana, Rebecca Nugent and Alex McCloy. Sheena is our admin support consultant and will be the go to person for booking user group meetings, Alex will spearhead our overseas sales drive and then there is me, Rebecca, writing this newsletter to you now. My aim will be to keep you up to date on all the latest features and updates within Furlong and how they can be of benefit to your school.

ICO. Certificate of Registration

We have received our certificate of registration for cloud software services ensuring we are compliant with the data protection act. If you would like more information regarding this please contact us at the Furlong office.

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