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Does your MIS require improvement?

Time for a smarter MIS



Your MIS FAQs guide



Time to think smarter



Introducing IRIS Ed:gen

Improving pupil outcomes is the number one priority for schools and trusts; equipping your staff with the latest tech and tools gives you the power to do exactly that.

Now is the time for a smarter, streamlined, cloud-based MIS like IRIS Ed:gen. Changing your MIS may feel like a big decision, so naturally you want to feel absolutely confident that you have chosen the right system for you. By downloading this guide, you have already taken the first steps on your journey to change. So let us take you through exactly what's involved in changing MIS with IRIS and answer some of the questions you may have.





Time for a new software partner?



Absolutely

A partner you can trust

The future of your school or trust is in safe hands with IRIS. As the largest privately held software business in the UK, we create pioneering software to support organisations and educational establishments to run effectively every day.

At IRIS Education, our suite of EdTech solutions are broader than any other provider in the UK - designed to help you manage all elements of school life. We provide thousands of schools and trusts with market leading education management software like IRIS Ed:gen and iSAMS, engagement software like ParentMail and IRIS Reach, and have a growing suite of financial and payroll products such as IRIS Financials and Every HR. Our aim is simple – we help you make every school day a smarter one.

Why can I trust IRIS Ed:gen?

With over 17 years of experience in providing schools with forward-thinking school MISs and expertise; you, your school, and staff can put your trust in IRIS and IRIS Ed:gen.

Featuring a genuine depth of functionality that's tailored to every school or trust, and real-time data; changing to IRIS Ed:gen will drive you forward to continuously deliver the best possible outcomes.

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Time for leading tech? >>>>>



How is IRIS Ed:gen different?

IRIS Ed:gen takes care of everything you'd expect from an MIS - from enterprise grade security, to statutory census and managing your exams. Our state-of-the-art tech is designed to handle the big stuff like this, along with making admin much less of a burden, to give you time back to focus on what you love – improving student outcomes.

But the real power of IRIS Ed:gen is so much more. Forget spending valuable time entering data into disparate systems, trying to piece data together into something meaningful, and spending countless hours on creating reports that are out of date before you've finished collating them. With IRIS Ed:gen, that changes. It's cloud based so it's always up to date, reports are available at a the click of a button, and it's all in one system.

Because we are different, you can be different. And most importantly, you can focus on improving the outcomes for each and every pupil.

Will IRIS Ed:gen support the future vision and values of my school or trust?

As an education team, we are driven to make a difference, to innovate, and to improve education outcomes, just like you. Rest assured our team doesn't settle for "it does the job". We are continually looking for ways to improve and adapt in-line with the very latest tech and government changes, along with how the industry evolves. We understand that every school is different, which is why we've designed IRIS Ed:gen to be customisable, to support you in the way you need it to.

So, if you are driven to be better, IRIS Ed:gen will support you today, tomorrow... and for years to come.





Does **IRIS Ed:gen** meet all required statutory obligations?

Most definitely. IRIS Ed:gen does everything you expect from an MIS, such as census, workforce census, single central record, exams and attainment.

But the proof is in the pudding. Our users say it's easy to use and simple to complete all required returns – and exceeds their expectations. Ruth Tonkin, Admin Officer and Deputy DSL at Wallisdean, Federated Schools said: "It was much easier

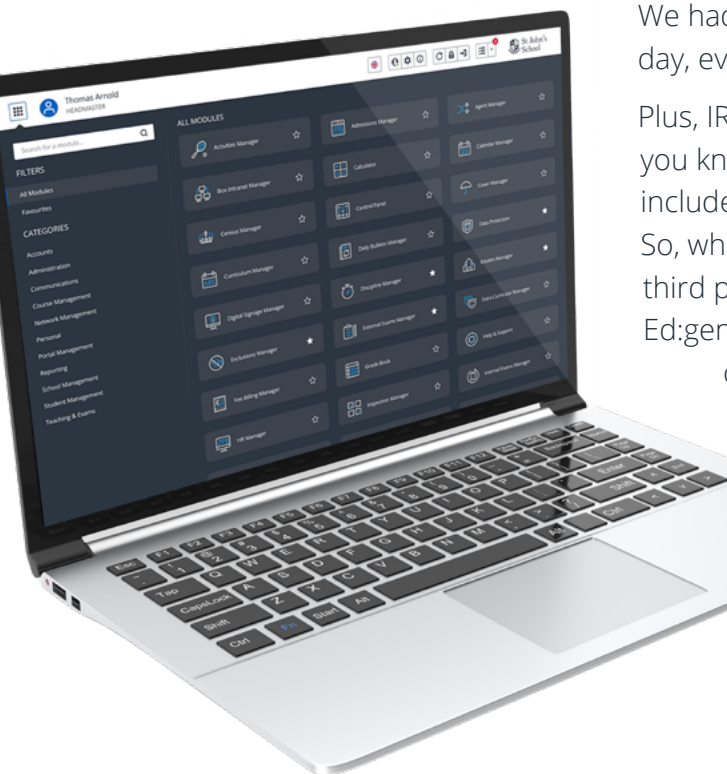
to do a census than with our previous MIS. We had it done in under half an hour on the day, even with Ofsted there!"

Plus, IRIS Ed:gen does so much more. Did you know there are more than 50 modules included as standard?

So, where you may currently be relying on third party modules, it's likely that with IRIS Ed:gen you can consolidate platforms into one integrated system – saving you money and your team time.



"It was much easier to do a census than with our previous MIS"



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Time for simple change? >>> Absolutely

How easy is it to switch to IRIS Ed:gen?

Our experts work with you and your staff to ensure migrating your current MIS to IRIS Ed:gen is smooth, simple, and stress-free. As your MIS partner, we'll support you through the whole transition and will be by your side to get you up and running as quickly as possible.

Hear what Ruth Tonkin, Admin Officer and Deputy DSL at Wallisdean, Federated Schools said: "The training and support we've received has been outstanding. The data migration process was easier than expected. Whenever we asked questions from IRIS we got clear answers."

What is the process for switching my MIS to IRIS Ed:gen?

We'll bring your school or trust into the next generation seamlessly with a simple four step process:

[For more information on IRIS Ed:gen, head here.](#)



"The data migration process was easier than expected"

- 1 Project management:** Once you've signed your contract, you'll be assigned a project manager who will plan and manage your end-to-end implementation. The project manager will be your main point of contact throughout the process, ensuring a smooth migration.
- 2 Installation and data migration:** Your IRIS Education technical consultant will build, install, configure, and ensure the successful on-boarding of your new solution. The consultant will be on hand to support and guide you through the data migration process.
- 3 Training and go-live:** Our experienced team of trainers ensure you get the best out of IRIS Ed:gen. We offer training for all users including administration staff, teaching staff, and senior leadership teams to independently use IRIS Ed:gen to its full potential and be able to confidently view, manage, and analyse information to ensure the smooth operation of the school.
- 4 Post go-live support:** Once you're up and running, you'll have your own account manager as a single point of contact. Plus, you'll receive automatic system updates, helpful videos and guides, and the option to speak to our experts one to one.



Will I need training and **what will it involve?**

IRIS Ed:gen is intuitive and simple to use, with free training on hand, tailored to your school or trust.

Our experts have worked in schools themselves and with other MIS products, so they understand your pain points and what you need from your training. Unlike other MIS providers, we give you the option of in-person or online sessions, to flexibly work around you and your staff. Plus, we're proud to provide more training than any other provider should you need it. If you need extra support, just ask and we'll arrange it.

Once your data is migrated, we will work with you to create a bespoke training plan. Because we know your teachers' time is precious, our teacher training is just 1.5 hours long.

How long will it take to change my MIS to IRIS Ed:gen?

Implementing IRIS Ed:gen is quick and simple, and disruption is minimal to your school or trust. Because it is a cloud-based system, implementation can happen in just a few weeks.

It's a great opportunity to clean your data, so we'll work to a timeframe that's convenient for you and your team.



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Time for centralised data? >>>

Certainly

What are the benefits of having all school data in one place?

Unlike some other MISs, IRIS Ed:gen is a centralised system which streamlines all data around school management, to house it in one easy-to-access place. With quick access to data that works together, you're able to save time by only entering data into one system. Plus, you can save money by eliminating the need for multiple software licenses you might have for safeguarding, lunch payments, parents evening etc.

Will I need to invest in other school management tools and platforms?

The scope of IRIS Ed:gen exceeds any other system. It has standard apps, including powerful assessment tools like advanced admissions portals and admissions management, workflow driven safeguarding, and powerful rewards and conduct features.



Can I share data across the whole trust?

As IRIS Central gives your trust the ability to create centralised assessment templates, policies, and behaviour strategies, you're able to share them across all academies in the group.

Offering a consistent, streamlined view across the trust is not only simpler and more accurate, but it will also save the trust's central team hours of time by removing the need for manual processes to create a trust-wide view. It empowers trust staff to quickly see trends in real-time at trust level, school level, and even drill down into data at pupil level.

With dashboards for attendance, admissions, assessment and safeguarding, as well as HR and staff absence, nothing is left behind and decisions are made based on quality, up-to-date data.

Will IRIS Ed:gen scale as my trust grows?

Whatever the future of your trust, you can rest assured that IRIS Ed:gen will grow with you, your group, and any new academies that join your trust.

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Could a new MIS change the outcome of an **Ofsted visit?** >>>>

A successful Ofsted report comes down to having accurate, real-time data at your fingertips. With the right data and information from IRIS Ed:gen, you're able to make the best judgements and decisions for pupils to improve their outcomes. So you can make an impactful difference throughout the whole school year, which Ofsted inspectors will be able to see.

How? With IRIS Ed:gen, your inspectors can have your data at their fingertips too. You're able to provide them with their own restricted IRIS Ed:gen login, so they only see the data they need to. With easy access to your MIS data, inspectors are able to assess your school efficiently and fairly, with a view of exactly how you've made a positive impact on pupils.

Although an MIS alone can't improve an Ofsted evaluation, it allows you to provide the data to back up the decisions you are making, spot interventions and make improvements.

IRIS Ed:gen allows data to be captured and shared in a user-friendly way, meaning it can be actioned quickly to give your SLT, teachers and admin staff the confidence and clarity they need to drive your school or trust forward.


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Time for smarter pupil & staff outcomes?



Can IRIS Ed:gen help our pupils?

Improving pupil outcomes is at the heart of every school, and at the heart of IRIS Ed:gen. As a centralised, streamlined system that uses real-time data, you're able to gain better insight, act more quickly, and create smarter outcomes for pupils. Being able to spot trends and act on them promptly can make a huge difference to the outcome of your students.

Does IRIS Ed:gen drive pupil attainment outcomes?

IRIS Ed:gen can be pivotal in helping pupils reach their full potential.

It's quick and easy to enter data right there and then across the system to record results, information and any statutory data – giving you richer data than you could ever get from Excel!

Using a combination of traditional reporting tools and live data dashboards, it brings all pupil data together in one place.

These reports are accessible by role and span the breadth of data in the system, so teaching staff and leaders have the insight to make informed decisions and interventions. It is vital for an MIS that can truly help pupil outcomes.

This is something we're extremely passionate about and will be at the heart of future product developments.

Can it make life easier for staff and improve our retention rate?

Technology, and particularly your school's MIS, need to cater to digital-savvy minds as the need for more young professionals to join the education sector grows.

The digital-first generation expect to see and are seeking out schools using intuitive, cloud-based, accessible, speedy technology like IRIS Ed:gen, just as much as schools who cater to their wellbeing.





Time for improved processes?



Can IRIS Ed:gen improve our processes?

With less third parties involved, and less time spent transferring data to different systems, processes are streamlined.

Data only needs to be entered once, whilst reports are available at the click of a button to help you quickly spot and tackle trends. Plus, safeguarding and exam tools are simplified, and text-to-speech capabilities speed up data entry. Rest assured, IRIS Ed:gen can improve the way your whole school works.

Will IRIS Ed:gen improve the information we can share with governors and trustees?

Keeping key stakeholders such as governors or trustees informed and engaged in the school or trust is important, but often time consuming. IRIS Ed:gen has specific resources at both school and trust level to allow governors and trustees to get up-to-date information.

At school level, built-in reporting packs, and even role-based access for governors to stay informed at their own speed, are available. And for MATs, trustees can log into IRIS Central and view rich, collective information across the whole trust, right down to a single student level.



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Now is the **time** for change.

IRIS Ed:gen gives you the time and tools to have a real impact on pupil outcomes.

If your MIS **"requires improvement"**, get in touch today.



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