

Locker Connect

Powerful user management you control



Connect your MIS with Microsoft 365, Teams, Google Classroom and Active Directory



Server or Cloud Version



For Schools, Academy Trusts and Colleges



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An Ever Changing Technical Challenge

The use of online learning has become increasingly important, which brings with it a number of technical challenges. You need to be able to ensure that every student and every member of staff gets reliable, up to date access and can easily be placed in groups for online sessions.

This needs to be able to be modified at short notice and managed without placing an unsustainable load onto the IT team. Whether you manage IT centrally or locally, Locker Connect makes this possible.

From creating or removing users, providing them with access to applications, putting them in distribution groups, even distributing timetables, Connect draws data from your Management Information System and uses it to set up your Microsoft and Google environment.

Connect is a product, used by all customers, making the installation and support easier, quicker and more effective. Each installation can be configured to the specific requirements of your school. You are in complete control and can make instant changes to the configuration at any time, to meet the dynamic demands of your school environment.

Connect enables the automatic sync of user and class data to Microsoft Teams directly from your MIS, without the need for School Data Sync "SDS" and the associated CSV files. Software that links to SDS is still supported, as Connect populates the 365 Education Extensions.

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These Features Come As Standard

Active Directory Users



Create Active Directory users from the data in your MIS for new students and staff.

Granular Licensing



Microsoft 365 requires you assign licences for apps. Connect allows you to decide who gets what.

Teams/Google Classroom



Connect can sync your class structures in Teams and Google and archive the previous years.

Paxton Net2



Automatic creation of users to help ensure your access control is secure and up to date.

User Creation



Automatically create or disable users in Microsoft 365 and Google, based on your MIS data.

Distribution Lists



Staff lists, year groups, subjects, classes and more can be set up as email distribution lists.

Timetables



Don't print timetables. Connect pushes them straight to Outlook and Google calendars.

Apple School Manager



Manage your iPADS, with our automated ASM population and management tool.

Technical Partners



"It has saved us a lot of time completing administration tasks and has really helped to make timetables and data more accurate for students." LOCKER

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The client server model has traditionally been at the forefront of school IT system design for over 20 years. For Academy Trusts, this approach to IT can prove to be inflexible, expensive and inefficient. Serverless IT could be the long term solution to these problems. With the adoption of the cloud, Locker's centrally managed cloud version of Connect can form a key part of your Trust's serverless IT jigsaw.

The journey to serverless IT is not one that will be completed overnight. Most Trusts have a mixture of server based and serverless schools, as they work through a standardisation evolution. This scenario is ideal for Locker's locally installed version of Connect, which also comes with a Trust portal, allowing central monitoring of the individual schools.

Flexibility

Within a Trust, Academies often use different systems. It might be the MIS differs, or some schools use Microsoft 365 while others are using Google. Bringing these systems into line can make sense, but it is often not at the top of the to-do list. Connect can work with whatever mix of systems the Trust has, growing and adapting as you do.

Efficiency

The ability to manage consistent processes across a Trust improves confidence in the outcomes, but also allows scarce IT resources to support several Academies knowing that the tasks are managed in the same way. Running as an application you control locally or via our cloud system, Connect can work for your Trust in the way you need.

Visibility

Connect keeps your users, distribution lists and class groups synchronised daily. The cloud version of Connect allows a central IT team to manage all the Academies. This enables you to support the Academies quickly, make any changes centrally and avoid any interruptions to teaching and learning.

Apple School Manager

Apple iPads are becoming an important teaching and learning tool. The challenge that faces the IT team is how to effectively manage these expensive pieces of equipment.

Fortunately, Apple provides a means to do this through their Apple School Manager System. Unfortunately, this system relies on the IT team creating and uploading a set of CSV files from the schools MIS data. This is not a one-off process and has to be updated every time a new pupil or teacher joins, or a timetable change is made.

Connect can 'free you from Excel' with its automated ASM population tool.

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"Connect allows us to us to automatically provision and deprovision users securely linked to our MIS across the Trust, saving time and user errors in the process."

What our Customers say



Andrew Freeman ICT Services Manager Bishop Wilkinson Catholic Education Trust

The Bishop Wilkinson Catholic Education Trust is the largest Trust in the North East consisting currently of 47 schools (5 secondaries and 42 primaries). These schools are currently using both a mixture of Bromcom and SIMS.net and hosted G Suite and Microsoft 365 tenancies.

Locker has enabled us to reduce the administration required whilst helping to onboard and offboard both staff and pupils. Through the use of the schools MIS being the 'single source of truth' we have been able to ensure that when a member of staff leaves, their access is revoked on all school systems to satisfy data protection requirements.

Locker has fully supported us from the original onboarding to any day-to-day support requirements for each of our schools – generally with a first time response and fix.

We are delighted with the product and would wholeheartedly recommend Locker to both single schools and Multi-Academy Trusts.



Jason Worlock National Head of IT Service E-ACT

We rolled out Locker Connect across all our 28 schools who operate separate networks to manage and sync user accounts and class teams in our single Microsoft 365 Tenancy.

The team at Locker were amazing and supported us through our bespoke setup. The team went above and beyond what we expected.

Having Connect installed means hours of saved time creating and managing new user accounts and Teams each year and gives us peace of mind knowing that accounts are automatically disabled when staff and students leave.

"What is even better than your software is your support team. They are pure gold!"

Mr Dimiatr Ganchev - Enfield County School for Girls



Locker Connect has been an absolute game-changer for our IT department. Before implementing it, our staff spent countless hours exporting new user data from the School's MIS into a CSV and then importing it into each system manually which took time. If the data needed to be rectified then each system had to be manually updated which added to IT Staff workloads.

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Disabling leavers was also a manual process which required extra due diligence for access and cyber security. We decided to look for a solution to streamline our student and staff onboarding/ offboarding processes that was budget friendly.

We had several demos from various providers but Locker was the one that impressed us the most. Being able to migrate your students and staff data from the MIS API straight into Active Directory to create user accounts, Google Workspace sync for groups and creating our Google Classroom Classes overnight was brilliant. It allowed us to free up time to focus on more strategic initiatives that drive our organisation forward.

The implementation of Locker Connect in the summer holidays was quick by the Locker Support Team. When the new term started, being able to sync staff and student timetables into their calendars reduced anxieties allowing them to plan their school day and reduced meeting clashes due to all staff being able to see when teachers were teaching and when they were free. Locker Connect also disables leavers automatically based on MIS leaving dates, enabling us to streamline processes which keeps us secure following our cyber security policy.

Whenever we encounter an issue or have a question, the Locker Support Team is there to provide prompt and comprehensive assistance. Whether it's troubleshooting technical issues, offering guidance on best practices, or providing personalised training sessions, they go above and beyond to ensure that we get the most out of the program.

What's truly remarkable is their commitment to customer satisfaction. No matter how big or small our inquiries may be, they always treat them with the utmost care and attention, ensuring that we receive timely resolutions and unparalleled support every step of the way. Our customer success manager is always proactive and checks in with us to make sure everything is ok.

Overall, Locker Connect has streamlined our onboarding, access and cyber security processes, allowing our IT team to allocate their time more efficiently. It's truly a must-have solution for any organisation looking to optimise their IT operations.

"Couldn't be happier with Connect – really does make our lives considerably easier. Additional feature to import students into Paxton Net2 works great."

Oliver Marriott - Brighter Futures Learning Partnership Trust, Doncaster

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Please come and see us for a chat, a demonstration or arrange a meeting via Connect@Bett.

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