VSware Parent App - Downloading the app and logging in

This guide explains: what details you need to get started, how to download and log into the app, how to enable notifications & how to use on desktop.

Before we get started:

Please note: Even if you have multiple children at the school, you only ever need one account per parent. If you already have multiple accounts and sets of login details, contact the school who can fix this for you.

In order to access VSware, you will just need a username and password. If it is your first time logging into VSware, the school must give you:

- •Your unique **username**. For example this might be *L.Adams*
- •You create your own unique password via the login screen. Explanation on how to do this is below.

Downloading the app and logging in via a device (phone/tablet etc.)

•For Android devices: Visit the **Google Play Store** on your device and search for '**VSware**'



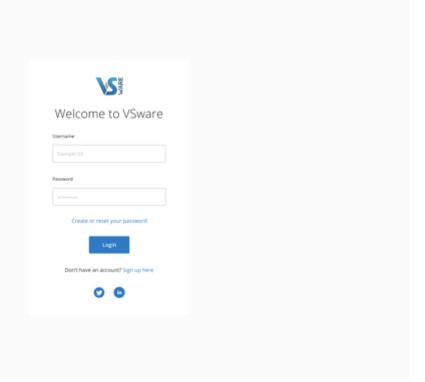
- •For iOS devices (Apple): Visit the **App Store** on your device and search for '**VSware**
- •Tap 'Install'.
- •If you have already downloaded and an update is available, you can tap '**Update**' instead.
- •Once the app is on your device, start typing the name of your school, then select it from the dropdown list when it appears.

When searching for your school, you can either type -

- 1. the VSware URL i.e. **myschool**
- 2. The 'official' school name i.e. My School Dublin
- •Enter your username and password and hit **Login**

How to create your **password** if you don't yet have one.

- If you don't yet have a password, click **Create or reset your password**
- •Enter your username and the last 4 digits of your mobile number, hit **Send Code**
- •You will receive an SMS code on your mobile phone which you then enter, along with your new chosen password. Follow the instructions on screen and hit **Change Password**
- •You will be brought back to the login screen where you can enter your username, new password and hit **Login**



Turning on Push Notifications for the VSware App

Push notifications are notifications that appear on your device's lock screen in the same way that your What's App or SMS messages pop up.

Enabling these push notifications to be sent from the VSware App to your device will ensure that you don't miss important information that your school sends such as

a <u>VS-Mail</u> message (if your school has opted to use that feature), or a message to say your child is absent from school without an explanation.

Please note that if you do *not* open and read the unexplained absence push notification within 20 minutes (for example if you lose your internet connection), we will automatically send you an SMS, so you can be safe in the knowledge that you will always be kept informed about unexplained absences.

To enable notifications on an **iOS/Apple** device:

- 1. Go to Settings > Notifications, select the VSware App, and make sure that Allow Notifications is on.
- 2. If you have notifications turned on for the app but you're not receiving alerts, you might not have Banners selected. Go to Settings > Notifications, select the app, then select Banners.
- 3. Make sure that you're signed in to your Apple ID.
- 4. Make sure that Do Not Disturb is off.
- 5. If you've recently installed an the app or restored it from a backup, open the app to start getting notifications.

To enable notifications on an **Android** device:

- 1. Open your phone's Settings app.
- 2. Tap Apps & notifications or Notifications.
- 3. Scroll to the VSware App
- 4. Ensure notifications are turned enabled

Logging into the Parent App via desktop

If you are using a desktop computer or laptop to access the Parent App, you will not need to download anything. You can simply log in via your browser.

- First, make sure you are using a modern browser. We recommend that you use Google Chrome, Safari or Microsoft Edge. We no longer support Internet Explorer or Firefox.
- •Start typing the name of your school, then select it from the dropdown list when it appears.
- •Enter your username and password and hit **Login**

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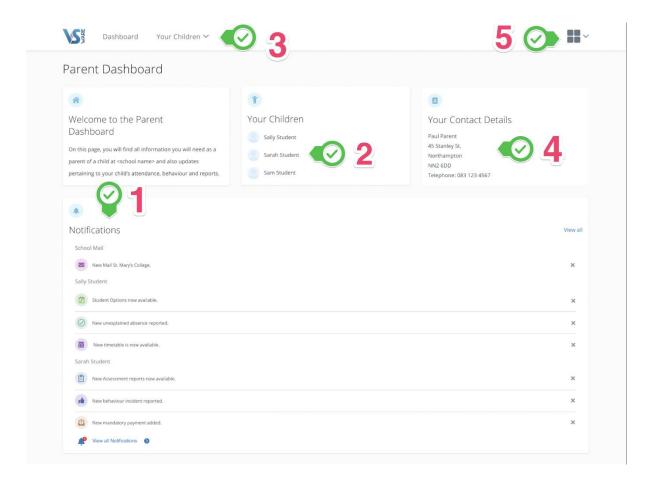
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Parent App - Dashboard

Navigating the Dashboard and accessing your child's profile

Parent Dashboard

The dashboard is your one-stop-shop to view live notifications related to your child's attendance, behaviour, exam results and more. From the Dashboard you can access:



1. Notifications

When a notification appears in the main part of the screen, simply click into it to read more. It could be a message for you to read, or there could be an

action for you to take, for example, make a payment or submit student options etc.

2. Your Children

The Child Profile section is the central hub for all the information relation to your child. To explore information about your child, click their name either from the dashboard.

If you have multiple children at the school but some are missing from this list, contact the school who will be able to fix this for you. You should only ever have one parent account and all your children should be on it.

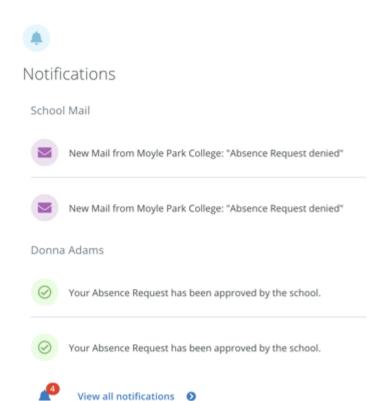
- 3. **Your Children dropdown**The dropdown menu for your children will remain at the top of the page, regardless of which page you're on so you can easily switch between their profiles.
- 4. **Your contact details**If these need to be updated, contact the school who can do this for you

Note: Contact details now shows your email address. If the school doesn't have an email address on record for you, it will say 'Email not set'.

1. 'More' button

Select this dropdown for quick access to Mail (where you can send and receive messages), Fees, the Privacy Policy and to the Log Out button.





On mobile

On a phone, the Dashboard and Child Profile will appear slightly differently, but the same menu items apply.







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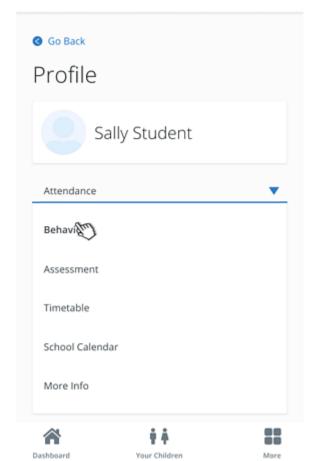
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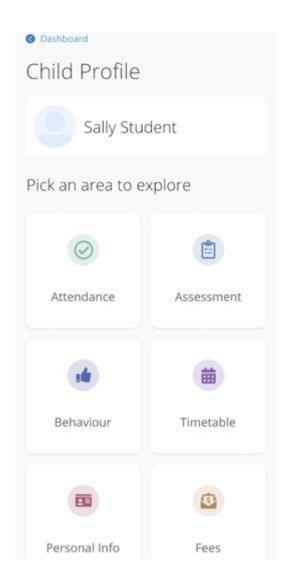
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Parent App - Attendance

Monitor Attendance and submit Absences

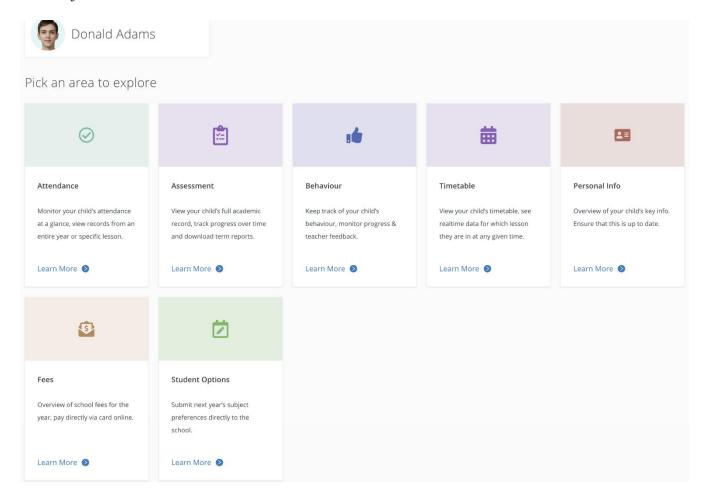
Attendance

On the Attendance page you can:

- •Monitor attendance by year, month, day, lesson and by subject
- •Submit a past or future absence to the school
- •View pending attendance requests you have with the school

To get to Attendance page, **select your child's name** from the parent dashboard or from the 'Your Children' dropdown and then click '**Learn more**' under **Attendance**.

*If you get an error message when you try to access Attendance saying that this feature is not available, it mens that your school has not turned on the feature that allows parents access to view attendance data and codes. Please contact your school if this is the case.

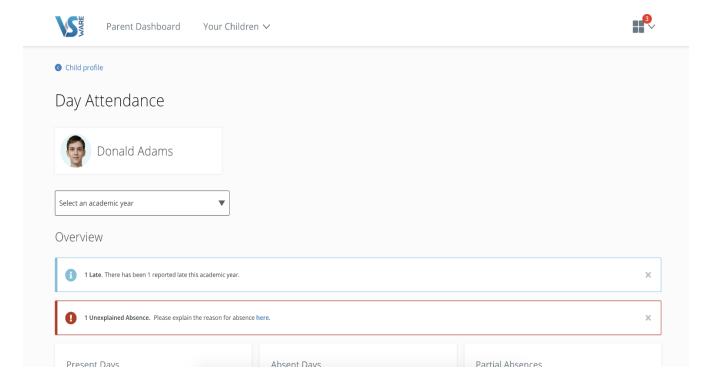


Monitoring your child's attendance

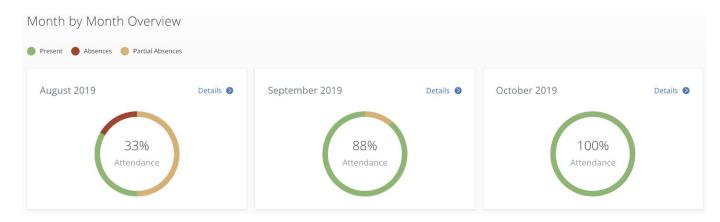
Below is a short video of a parent logging in on the **Desktop (WEB) App** to take a look at the attendance of her son. They will see the full breakdown of their son's attendance at the school including any lessons missed during the school year.

See https://support.vsware.ie/parent-app-attendance for video

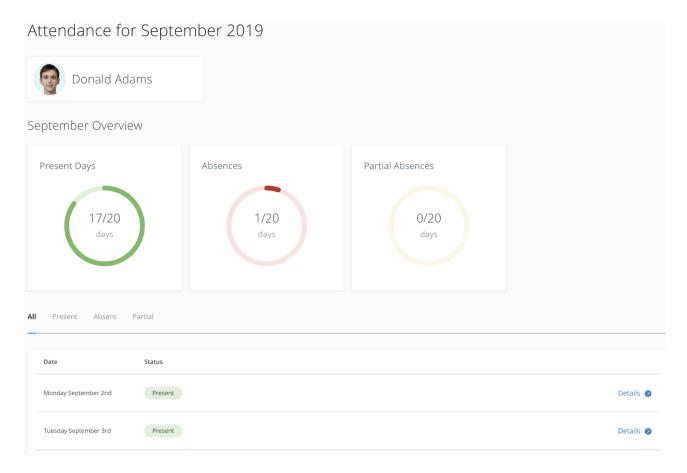
On the main attendance page, you will see an overview of attendance for the **academic year so far**. If your child has been late or absent without providing a reason, this will appear as a notification on this screen, more on that later. You can also select the academic year so you can go to past years and look into their old attendance records.



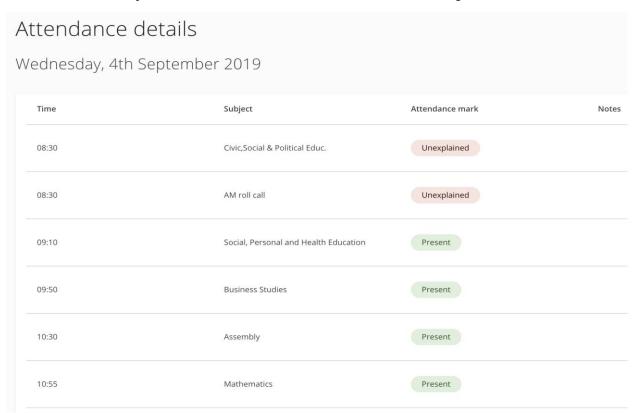
Scroll further down the screen to see a **month by month** overview which will show the latest three month's attendance.



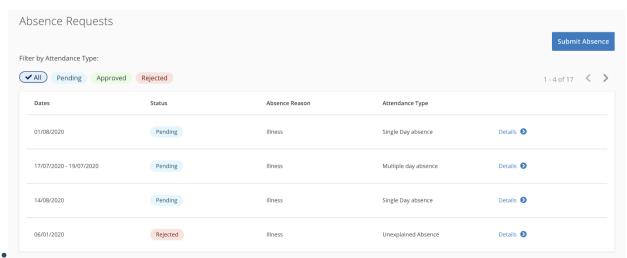
•To dig further, choose a month and select **details**. where you will see an overview for that month, as well as a list of each individual day and the related attendance mark. This can be filtered using the tabs 'All, Present, Absent, Partial' at the top of the screen.



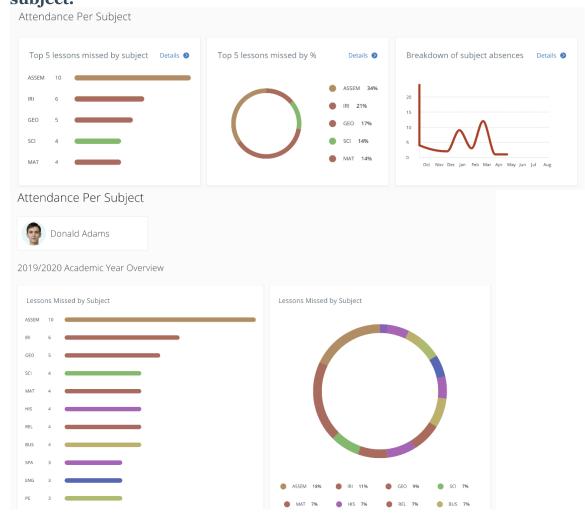
•To dig even further again, choose a date and click **details**. This will give you a lesson by lesson breakdown of attendance on that particular date.



•Back on the child's attendance page, you will also see the Absence Request history where you can also go to submit an absence.



 At the bottom of the main attendance page, you can view attendance per subject. Click details to get some detailed visualisations as well as lists according to subject.



Submit Absence Feature

To learn about how you can **submit a future or past absence to the school** via your account, <u>click here</u>. Please note that if you do not have access to this feature, it is because your school has not enabled it.

Parent App - Submit an Absence Request

How to submit a past or future absence request to your school as a parent

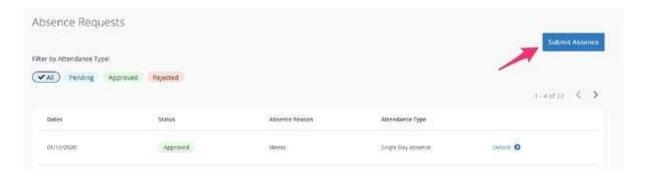
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Submitting absences / Informing the school when your child is absent

Click here to watch a video of a parent submitting an absence request.

Future absence

•To inform the school that your child will be absent for a holiday, medical appointment etc., go to the main Attendance screen for your child, scroll down to **Absence Requests** and click **Submit Absence**



- •Then select either **Single Day** or **Multi Date** and hit **Next**
- •Select the **date**, the **type of absence** (holiday, illness etc), and provide a **reason** for the absence

•Hit **Submit.** Your absence request will be sent to the school for approval

Note: if you select **Single Day** you will be given the option to select a **Full Day** or **Partial Day** absence

Submit Absence Multiple days Submit Absence Date of absence Please select the absence type Start Date below 30/06/2020 End Date 10/07/2020 Type of absence Single Day Multi Date Holiday Reason for absence Sarah will be out of school to visit family. Go Back Submit

Past, unexplained absence

If your child has been absent in the past without an explanation being given to the school, you can record the reason in one of two ways

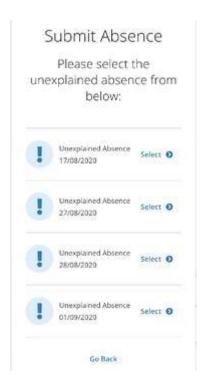
- •Go to the main Attendance screen for your child, scroll down to **Absence Requests** and click **Submit Absence**
- Select Past Absence and hit Next

Submit Absence

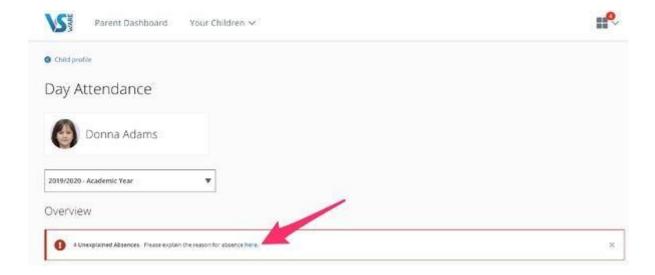
Please select the absence type below



•Then select the date in question, enter the **type** and **reason** for the absence and hit **Submit.** The information will then be sent to the school



•Alternatively, there will be a notification on in red at the top of the Attendance screen. Click into this to record the reason for the absence

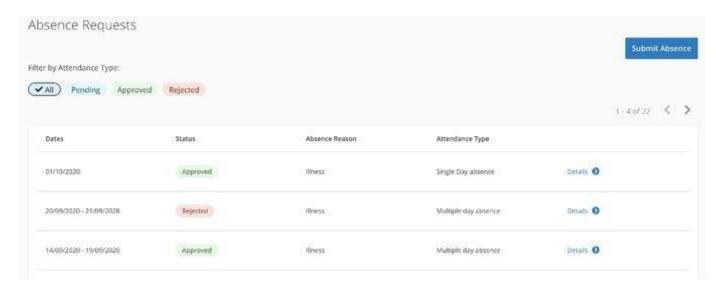


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View Pending Attendance Requests

- •On the main attendance screen, scroll down to **Absence Requests.** You can use the tabs along the top to sort according to Pending, Approved or Rejected requests
- •Click on **Details** to read further details such as why a request was rejected etc.



Below is a sample video of a parent notifying the school of her daughter's upcoming dental appointment. In this video the parent is using the Chrome browser to do

this. She could also has done this using the Mobile App. The video can be accessed here: https://support.vsware.ie/en/submit-an-absence-request

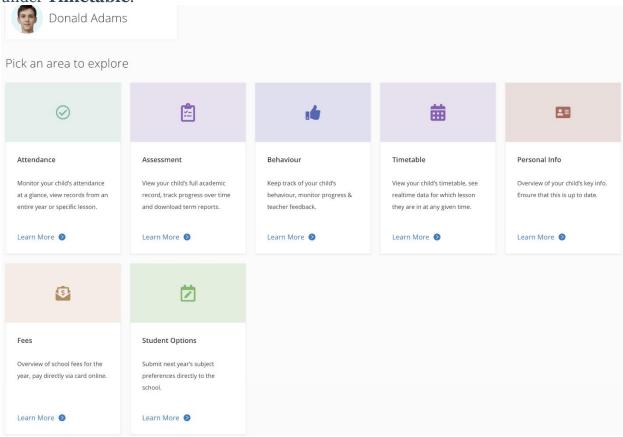
Parent App - Timetable

Viewing your child's timetable

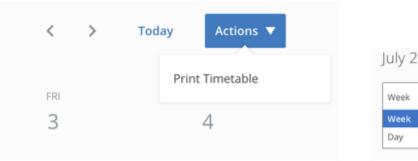
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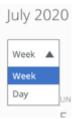
The Timetable screen will allow you to keep track of your child's daily routine. The red line will indicate the current time of day, so you can see at a glance which class your child is currently in.

To get to Timetable page, select your **child's name** from the parent dashboard or from the 'Your Children' dropdown and then click '**learn more**' under **Timetable**.



- •In the Timetable screen, you can view a **week or day** using the dropdown on the top left corner of the screen.
- •Use the **Actions** button on the right to print the timetable
- •Hit **Today** to bring you back to today's view.



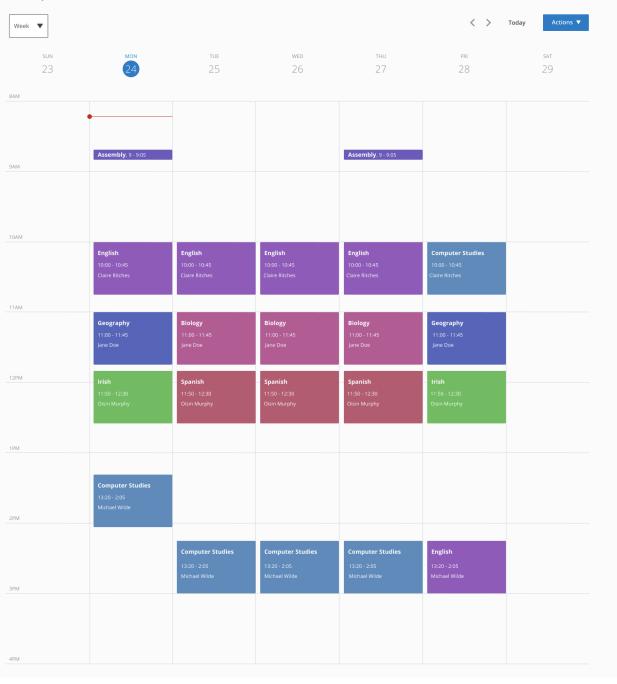






Timetable

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Parent App - Assessment

Keeping track of your child's academic record and assessments

Assessment

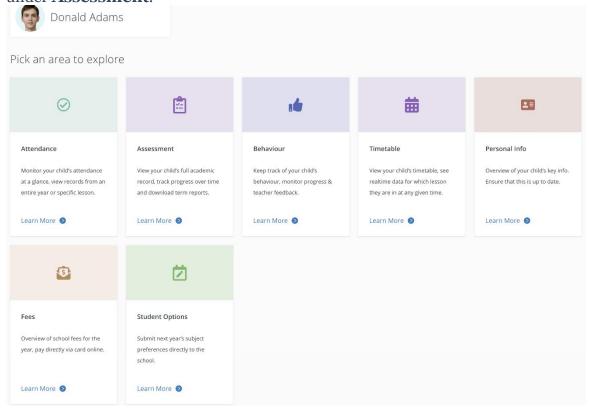
On the Assessment page you can:

- •View your child's full academic record
- •Track progress over time
- •Download term reports

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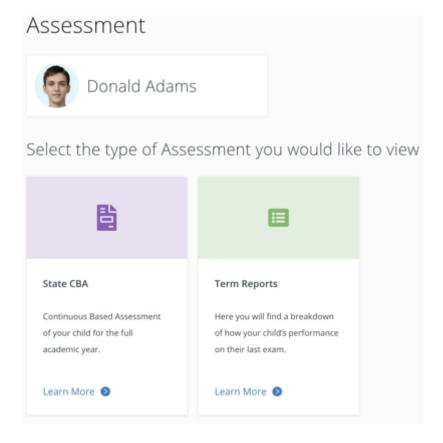
 Please note: if the Actions and Download Results button does not appear, please contact your school, as they have not set up a Exam Print Template for the Assessment in question

To get to Assessment page, **select your child's name** from the parent dashboard or from the 'Your Children' dropdown and then click '**learn more**' under **Assessment**.



Viewing the Academic record

When you enter the Assessment page, you can choose to view either State CBA (Continuous Bases Assessment) or Term reports.



State CBA:

- •Click learn more under State CBA.
- •Select an academic year and then select an exam such as 'Christmas 2019'
- •You can then browse through the results of this CBA. Each subject is colour coded according to the colour on the timetable.
- •To download the CBA results, select Actions and Download Results





State Continuous Based Assessment



Select an exam Halloween 2016 - 2017 Spring 2017 - 2018 Summer 2018 - 2019

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Term Reports:

- •Click **learn more** under **Term Reports**.
- Select an academic year and then select an exam.
 You can then browse through the results of this exam. Each subject is colour coded according to the colour on the timetable.

To download the exam results, select Actions and Download Results

