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## Microsoft Teams and Satchel One: The Complete Learning Experience

Satchel One and Microsoft Teams integrate seamlessly to bring your school a more unified approach to teaching and learning.

Create stronger processes throughout your school to save teachers time and improve both student engagement and parental approval.

In this short guide, we'll look at how Satchel One and Microsoft Teams work together to create the ultimate classroom management and learning experience both in-class and at home.

### Satchel One and Microsoft Teams in the Classroom

Both Satchel One and Microsoft Teams enrich the classroom environment by adding a new dimension of learning through an online platform. When the two are combined, they have the power to transform the way you teach for good.

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“While we did most of our communication with pupils via **Microsoft Teams** we found that posting on **Satchel One** was key in keeping parents informed.”

L. Arnold, Vice Principal, Corby Technical College

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## More classroom management apps

Add specialised classroom management apps to your arsenal, with Satchel One's dedicated apps that work alongside Teams. Including:

### **Seating**

A seating plan builder capable of producing socially distanced plans in seconds that take into consideration inclusion data from your MIS and makes it easy to track pupil contact across the whole school.

### **Behaviour Pro & Detentions**

Our points and badges based behaviour management system that allows you to encourage good behaviour, deal with disruptions, escalate serious incidents and issue detention. Perfect for enforcing school behaviour policy and supporting students as they return to the classroom.

### **Attendance Pro**

With our powerful attendance software, you can take the register quickly and accurately for students, whether they're learning in-school or at home. It also makes it simple for schools to track daily student absences and access the contact details of an absent student's parent.

### **Timetables**

By hosting students' timetables online for them to access throughout the school day you help to boost student organisation and also minimise the amount of paper/resources students need to carry around with them. Also, making student timetables accessible 24/7 means if they ever do have to learn from home, they can remain aligned with the regular school day.

These apps are available with Satchel One, meaning you can use them alongside **Microsoft Teams** from your **Satchel One** account to maintain the perfect learning environment.

## Easier homework management

Our key integrations with Microsoft OneDrive make homework setting, submissions and marking easier for everyone.

By pairing Satchel's Show My Homework app with OneDrive, teachers can set work from there or ask for students to submit their homework in a OneDrive file for better organisation.

They can also mark work within the document itself and OneDrive will notify them of any changes. Teachers can then open a discussion on Satchel One to provide more support, if needed.

Homework tasks can also be shared directly from Show My Homework to Microsoft Teams and schools can set their default submission method on Satchel One to OneDrive.

## Student wellbeing

Learning through so much disruption and uncertainty has put students' mental health under immense strain. Not only are they studying and striving to reach their academic potential, students are also wrestling with the effects of the pandemic on our everyday lives.

As we look ahead to reopened schools and some return to 'normality', student wellbeing in the classroom is going to play a huge role in successful school reopenings. Teachers will have to ensure that students are able to learn effectively again, having missed so much time in the classroom, but this will also mean making sure they are mentally able to do so.

■ Satchel One's Welfare Notes feature gives teachers the ability to securely share students' important personal information with relevant staff members. This could be vital information about a child's home life or any illness/family news that might be affecting their wellbeing and ability to concentrate in class

■ Microsoft Teams act as a portal of interaction through messaging and video calls so students feel connected to something bigger. So during self-isolation or staggered returns, the whole class can continue learn as one. This can have huge benefits for mental health and general motivation to work.

By using Satchel One alongside Teams, you can make use of Welfare Notes, a premium feature that lets staff members share private student information among relevant teachers, so any welfare issues can be swiftly recognised and dealt with, and the messenger functionality, alongside Teams' online workspace, can help students to feel more connected during self isolation or any further school disruptions.

## Fewer passwords - fewer resets

We all have more accounts now. Whether it's learning platforms, messenger apps or online resource libraries, when does it become too much?

Students and parents don't like to have multiple passwords to remember and teachers don't want to spend all day sending out reset codes.

Satchel One and Microsoft Teams can both be accessed by logging in to a school Office365 account, saving time and reducing the chances of having to reset passwords again, for the sake of your IT department's sanity, if not for yours!

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I set remote learning on **Satchel One** as daily classwork for their timetabled lesson if it is not a Live Lesson and then put a follow up post after a Live Lesson on **Teams**. All work that students submit is done through Satchel One.

A. Haycock, Curriculum Co-ordinator, Grange School

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# Satchel One and Microsoft Teams at home

As dynamic learning platforms, both Satchel One and Microsoft Teams work just as well outside the classroom as they do in it. In fact, by using both platforms alongside each other, you can take the classroom with you, anywhere you go.

## Structured distance learning

One of the biggest challenges schools faced during school closures was keeping students engaged with well structured distance learning. By using Microsoft Teams, Timetables, Attendance Pro and Show My Homework through Satchel One, schools were able to:

- Share live links from Teams video lessons via Satchel One's Timetables app, so that regular scheduled video lessons could be easily sent to students and parents
- Track uptake and remote attendance to these live lessons through the data on the Attendance app
- Build on their offering using data from Satchel One's analytics reports to create more engaging lessons in the future
- For schools that prefer Outlook calendar, Show My Homework lessons can also be shared there
- Use Show My Homework's dedicated 'Classwork' category to differentiate from homework tasks

## Parental engagement

Satchel One's parent app gives parents the ability to view all their child's information, from due OneDrive assignments, to upcoming live lessons on Teams, and Behaviour stats to attendance rates and more on Satchel One.

By empowering parents to take an active role, during distance learning and classroom learning, students gain confidence and even perform better academically. It also means fewer outlandish homework excuses!

## Using two platforms together, makes sense

By combining these two platforms you're experiencing the force of an edtech leader with a decades worth of industry knowledge with world-class tech pioneers to provide your school with all the tools they need to deliver a meaningful learning experience. With this powerful combined use of software you are then better equipped to engage all stakeholders in the learning process whilst useful integrations and links between the two platforms turn the two tools into a single hybrid software.

