



11 November 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 and 13 support – in-class mock examinations, Sixth form applications, Y7 PGL trip and 2024 ski trip, Bench grant funding, Toilet works, DT donations, Odd Sock Day – Anti-bullying week, The Christmas Celebration – Performing Arts, Support for households, Free School Meals, Pupil Premium funding, Sustainable Christmas tips, Languagenut success

Welcome to my end of week letter. It has been a fascinating week for a number of reasons and I'm not just talking about I'm a Celebrity. You may have seen the headlines this week about the parlous state of school funding nationally. Don't panic, we are doing just fine, but it can't be lost on anyone that the cost of utilities, unfunded staff pay rises, food, paper, site maintenance etc etc has rocketed in recent months and the press are now all over it and with good reason. If we can't get funding right for your young people to thrive, we are truly in a pickle. With this in mind, there's a bit of a theme to this letter, if only at times. I continue to make a silk purse out of a sow's ear with our funding settlement so that our youngsters always benefit where possible. But, if eligible for anything extra which we can benefit from, please be good enough to look below:

Year 11 and 13 support – in-class mock examinations

Year 11 and 13 deserve real support as they plough through their mocks at this time. Please don't forget to talk to subject teachers about all of the support available. Year 11 have already received revision folders and resources alongside their intervention timetable. Please encourage them to take advantage of these sessions provided by specialist subject staff.

Sixth form applications

Thank you to students for their sixth form applications this week. The deadline is today but if students haven't had a chance to submit it, we will be accepting late applications next week.

Y7 PGL trip and 2024 ski trip

Thank you to all who have expressed an interest in the forthcoming Y7 PGL trip and the 2024 ski trip. Deadlines have now passed and we will be in touch shortly to confirm student places.

Bench grant funding

Mrs Gilbert deserves thanks for securing a grant for some further seating for the Academy outdoor environments. Thanks to the judging panel at Aubourn Farming/Patrick Dean Farms, we have secured almost £1,000 which we will put to good use by purchasing a number of new

seats. We are most grateful for the contribution given our bid and thank our benefactors for their time and attention. We look forward to posting on our social media channels once they are in situ. Currently, we are thinking of adding to the Key Stage 4 seating area near the Pit Stop Caterpod 'bistro style.'

Toilet works

We are about half way through renovating the main boys' toilets and hope to re-open the decorated and updated block very soon.

DT donations

Near the beginning of term in September, I wrote to parents asking for support with any donations for the Art & DT department to support the buying of workshop materials.

If any parents/carers still wish to donate, please be good enough to use the following link: www.parentpay.com, login and select Technology contribution.

Odd Sock Day – Anti-bullying week

To mark the start of Anti-bullying week, staff and pupils will be participating in Odd Socks Day on Monday 14 November. Donations of fifty pence can be made through ParentPay.

The Christmas Celebration – Performing Arts

Please find attached an advertisement for our upcoming Christmas spectacular which will take place on 14 and 15 December in the main hall. Miss France and her team are assembling a fantastic treat for you all so I do hope you will come. Tickets are available via ParentPay in the usual way.

Free School Meals

Just in case your child is eligible for free school meals but you are yet to investigate this, I enclose the link for you to explore your eligibility: <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-pupil-support/apply-free-school-meals>



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Pupil Premium funding

The Academy receives much needed funding for any child eligible for PP funding. To check your eligibility, please use the following link: <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-pupil-support/apply-free-school-meals>

For Services premium: please contact Lincolnshire County Council on 01522 552222.

Sustainable Christmas tips

As promised to the Green Team, here is our second Christmas tip for being greener. I have to say, I learnt something this week – Scrunch up some wrapping paper into a ball. If it stays in a ball, it is likely it can be recycled. If it opens, it cannot be recycled.

Languagenut success

Not only is the Academy performing really well using this application but Ryan C in Year 10 is second in the world for accumulated points. Well done young man - amazing work!

Each year, the eleventh day of the eleventh month sobers me with some catastrophic statistics. Across the world, there were 9.7 million military deaths and 10 million civilian deaths. That alone, is just monstrous. The UK lost 886,342 troops and 109,000 civilians. As with any sustained conflict, these casualties defined the nations of the kingdom with all families affected at the time.

These fine young men and women gave their lives so that future generations could live theirs. We owe it to them, the generations that followed them and to serving uniformed colleagues today to remember their sacrifice. In the finest of words by William Shakespeare, "Praising what is lost makes the remembrance dear."

I will write again soon.

Yours faithfully



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Cyber Security

Dear Parent/carers

In order to combat the risk of ever-growing cyber threats, we are taking further steps to secure our IT network and student IT accounts. We are introducing 'multi-factor authentication (MFA)' on student office 365 accounts and the remote access desktop system. Many of you will already be familiar with multi-factor authentication in your everyday life with online banking, Amazon and icloud using one-time passwords. We believe these steps will encourage good IT practice by our youngsters as they understand ever-growing online threats.

Rest assured these are preventative steps and not in response to any cyber threat received as we regularly review our IT security.

All students accessing their accounts from home will be expected to set up 'Multi-factor authentication' on their personal smart phones by following the attached guidance. Students will not be expected to set this up in school. Our mobile phone in school policy still stands.

For further reading on MFA and account security please read the National Cyber Security Centre guidance using the following link [NCSC](https://www.ncsc.gov.uk).

Included in the attached guidance are steps for students to set up self-password resets themselves when at home, to access their Office 365 accounts. This does not include self-password reset for other subjects' sites such as Mathswatch, Go 4 schools, language nut etc. We regularly get requests for IT password resets out of our normal working hours, which can be frustrating for students completing homework tasks, so we would appreciate your support on this matter.

Further advice for working from home can be found on our website <https://srpa.co.uk/about-us/advice-for-working-from-home/>.

Please support your son/daughter with setting this up before **30/11/22**. If they do not have a smart phone or you have any issues in setting this up, please contact IT Support on itsupport@srpa.co.uk.

Yours faithfully

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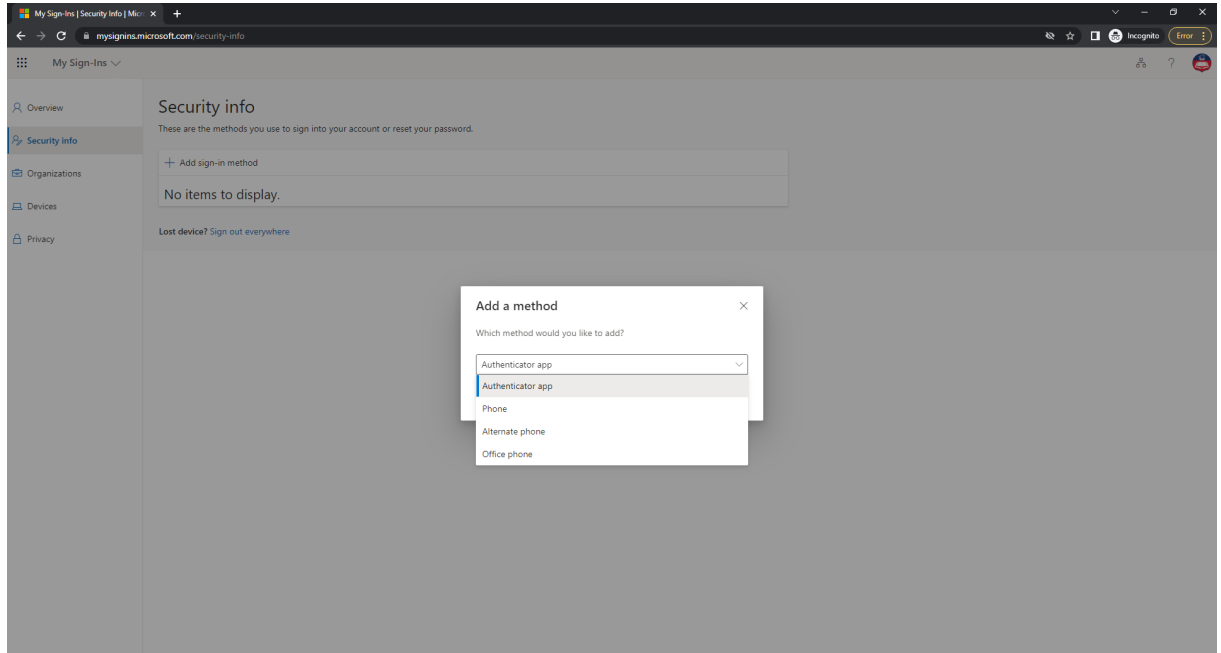
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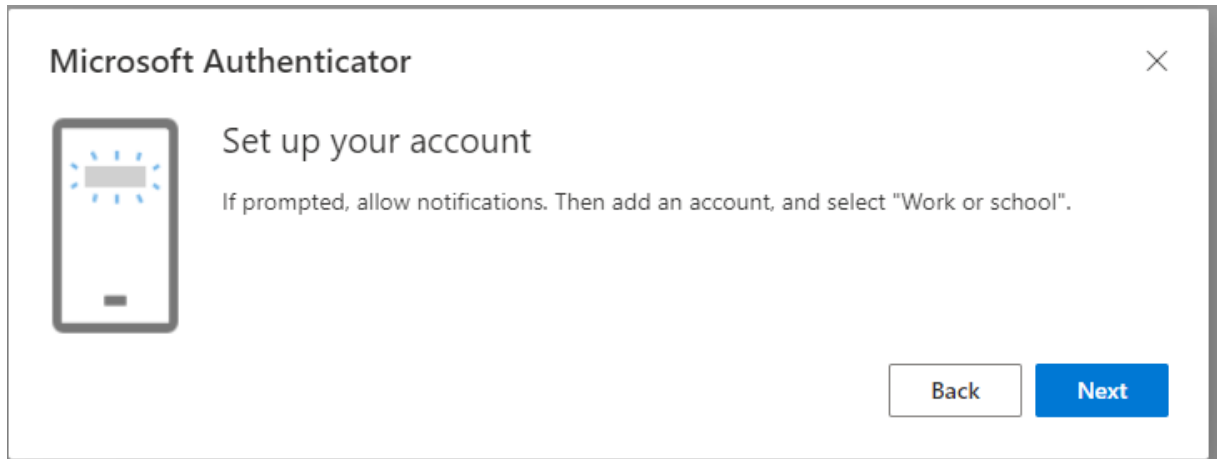
Set up Self-Service Password Reset (SSPR) and Multifactor Authentication for Office 365 & Remote Desktop Services (RDS)

Please complete these steps when at home.

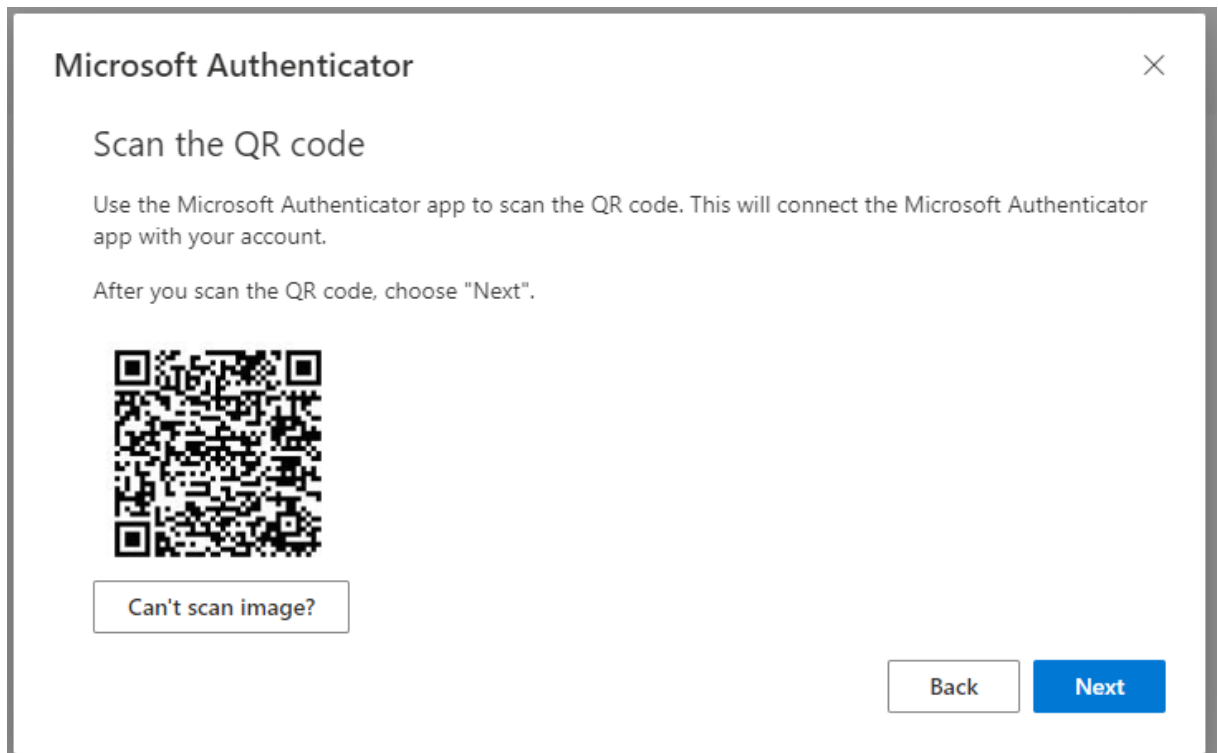
1. Download the **Microsoft Authenticator App** from the Google Play or Apple store to your mobile device.
2. On the device you are reading this guide (not the mobile phone you have installed the app to) click on the following link <https://mysignins.microsoft.com>
3. If prompted select school account and sign in with your SRPA email address isurname@srpa.co.uk
4. Click the 'Security Info' tab, click 'Add sign-in method' selecting 'Authenticator app' as shown below.



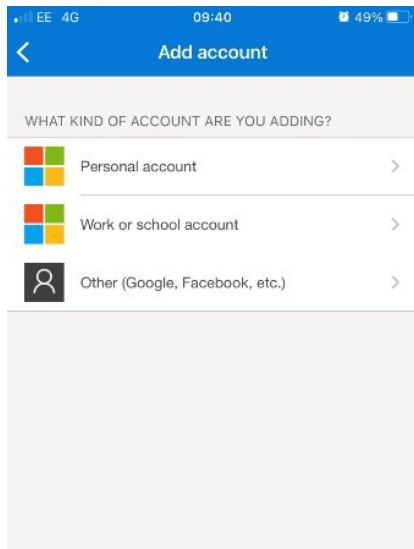
5. You will arrive at the 'Set up your account' page.



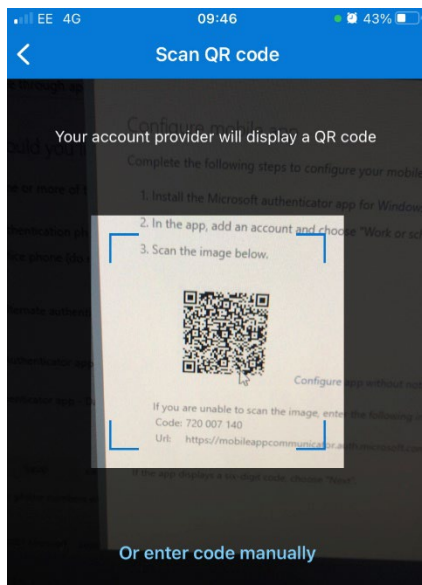
6. Select 'Next' on the above and follow the steps to set your Microsoft Authenticator account.
7. You will be presented with a QR code.



8. On your Mobile device open the **Microsoft Authenticator App**
9. Select the menu dots and select add account
10. Select 'Work or school account'



11. Scan the QR Code on screen



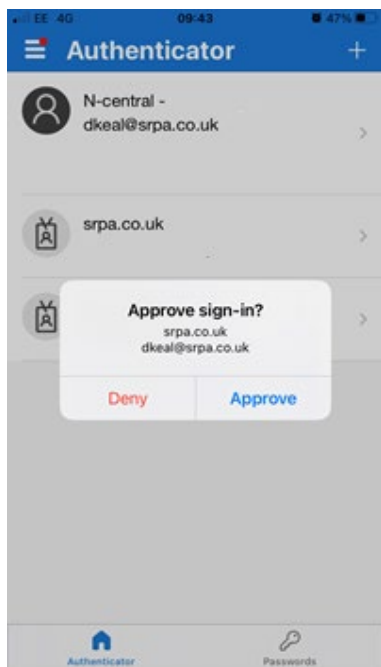
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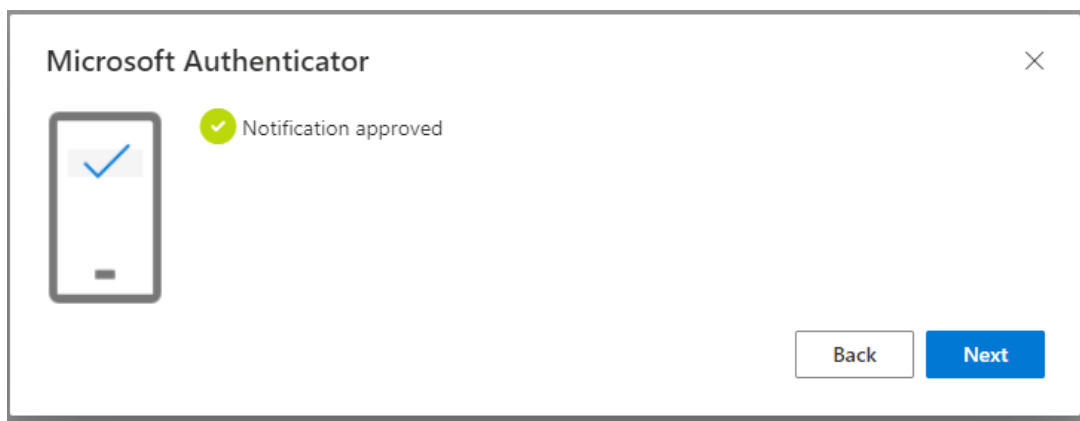
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13. Wait for the approve message on your mobile device and click the 'Approve' button



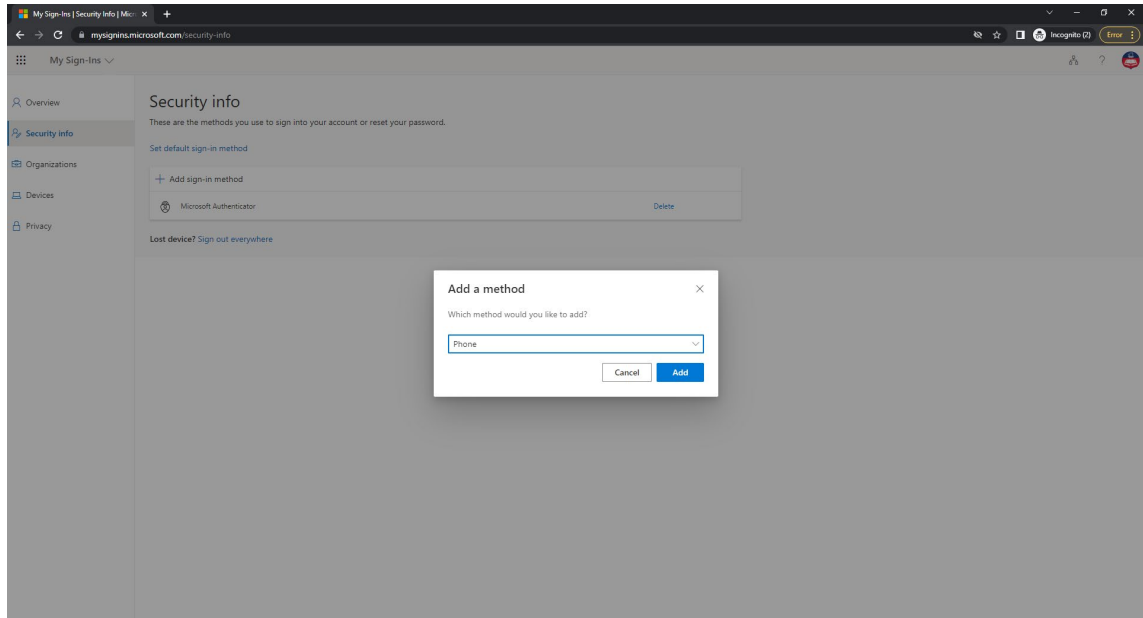
14. Select 'Next' and on the next screen add your mobile number and click 'Next'.



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15. You will need to add a second sign-in method and choose 'Phone' as shown below;



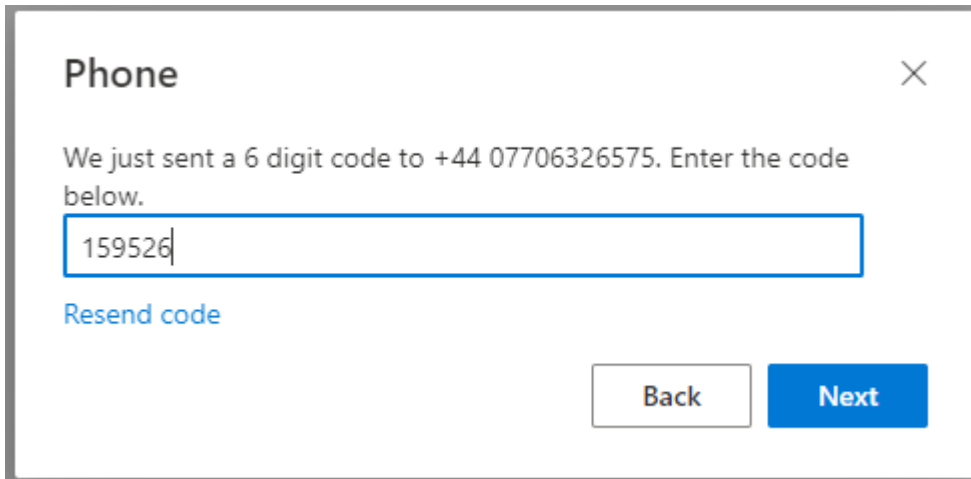
16. Add your mobile phone number

A screenshot of a "Phone" setup dialog box. The title is "Phone" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. The text reads: "You can prove who you are by answering a call on your phone or texting a code to your phone." Below this is the question "What phone number would you like to use?". There is a dropdown menu for the country code, currently set to "United Kingdom (+44)", and a text input field containing "0000000000". Below the input fields are two radio button options: "Text me a code" (which is selected) and "Call me". At the bottom, there is a note: "Message and data rates may apply. Choosing Next means that you agree to the [Terms of service](#) and [Privacy and cookies statement](#)." There are "Cancel" and "Next" buttons at the bottom right.

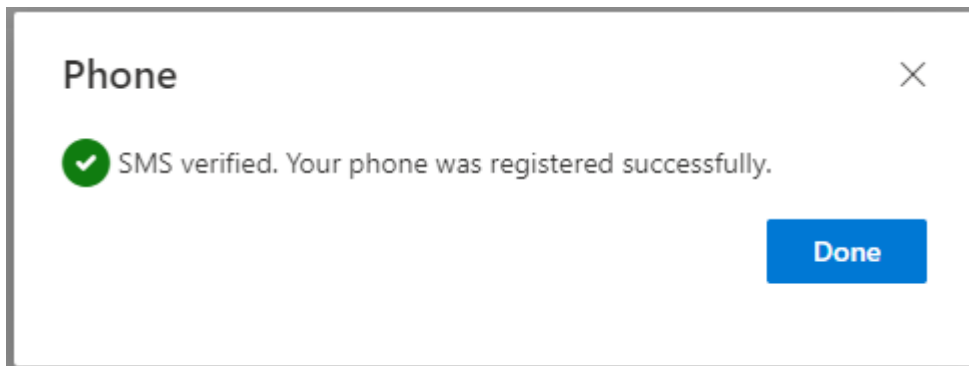
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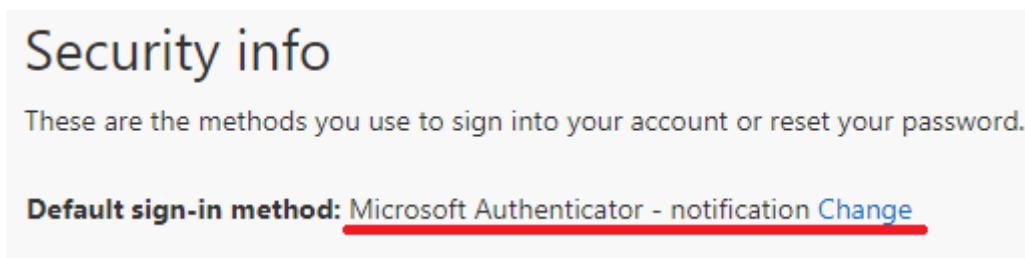
17. Add the 6-digit code you receive into the box as shown below;



18. Click 'Done' to verify successful registration.



19. Check the default sign-in method to the Microsoft Authenticator as shown below;



20. Success, you are now set up.



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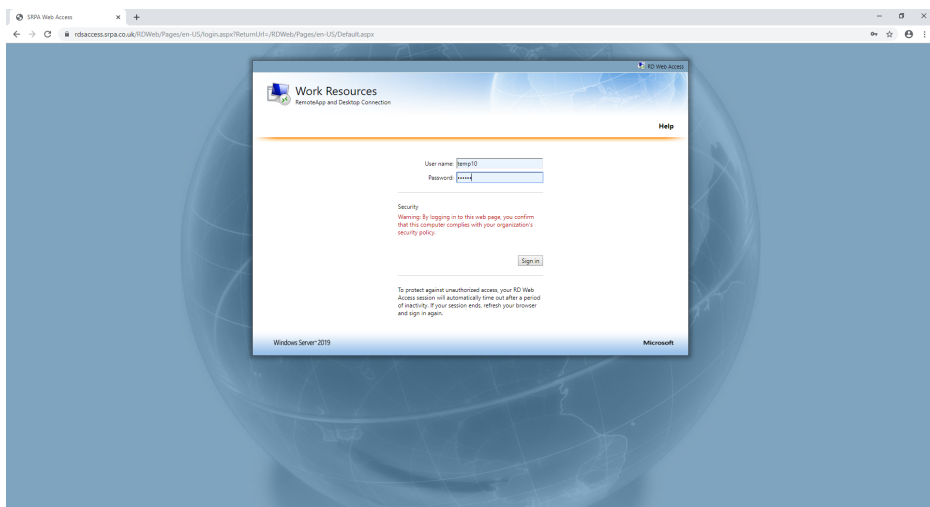
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REMOTE ACCESS LOGIN PROCESS - MFA ENABLED

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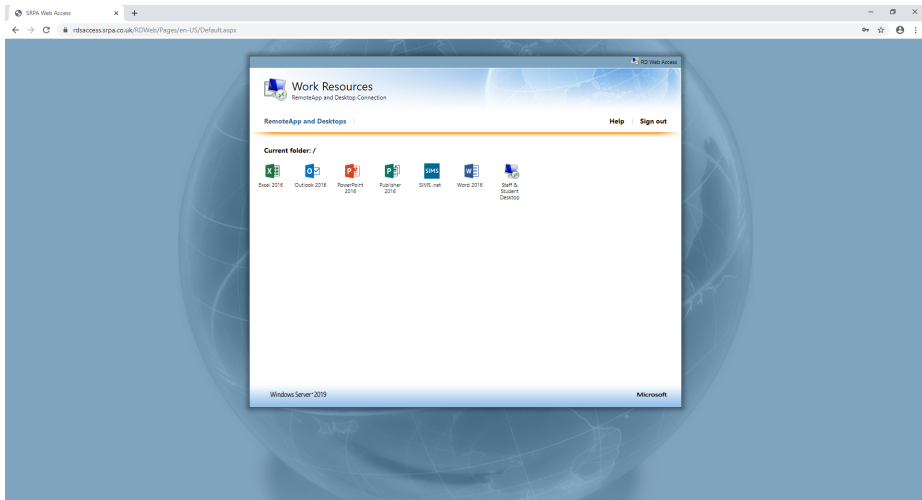
Robert Pattinson Academy, Desktop Remote Access Login Process:

1. Open your web browser (i.e. Chrome)
2. Type in the address <https://rdsaccess.srpa.co.uk/RDWeb>
(There are links to this page located on the home page of the VLE or the school website in case you forget the address.)
3. Log in using your school username and password and click sign in.

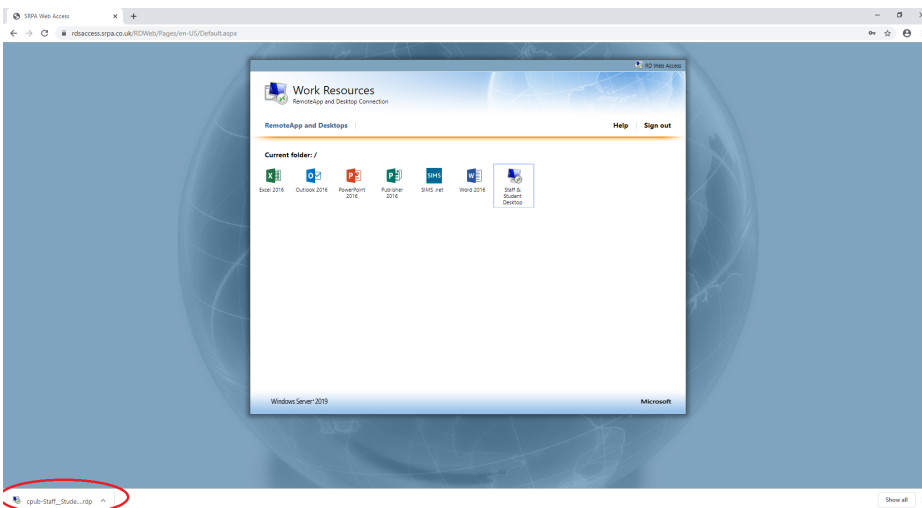


4. Click the application you want to open.

(To log on to the school network click the 'Staff & Student Desktop')



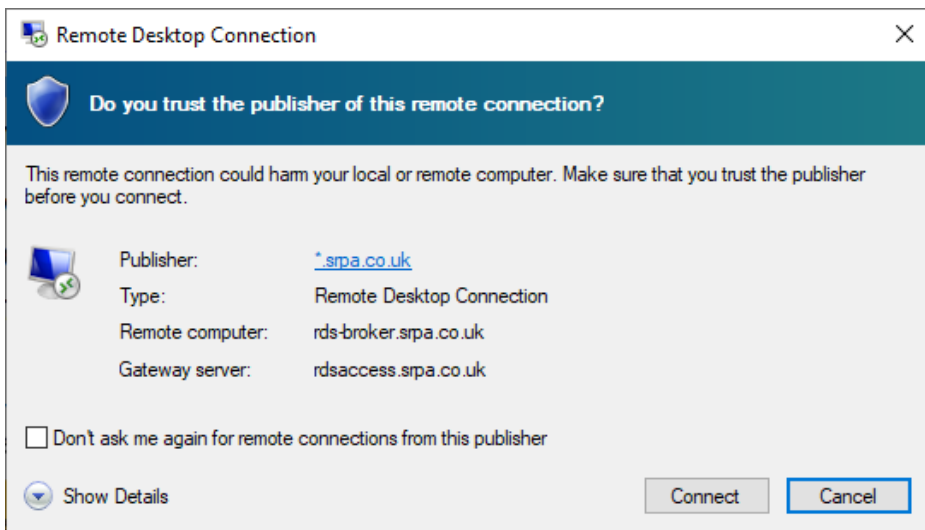
5. You will be promoted to download and save a 'remote desktop connection'. Click save and open it by clicking it (as shown red circled below).



(You can save this to a convenient location and use this for the next time you want to log on).

6. You will be prompted to connect and trust the 'publisher of this remote connection'.

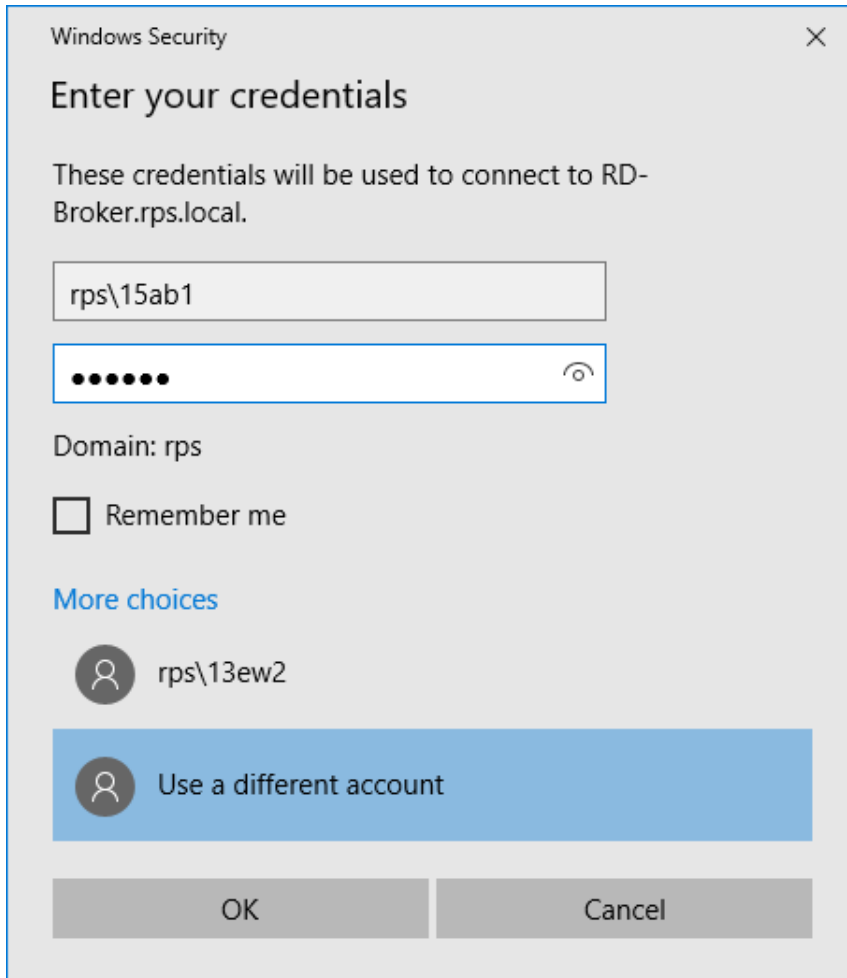
(if you tick don't ask me again for remote connections from this publisher, you will not need to do this on the computer you are using)



7. You will be prompted to log on again through the RDS-Broker.

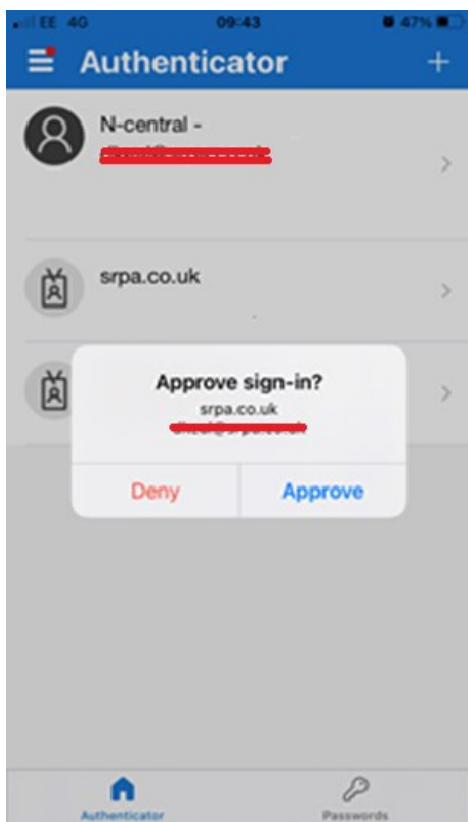
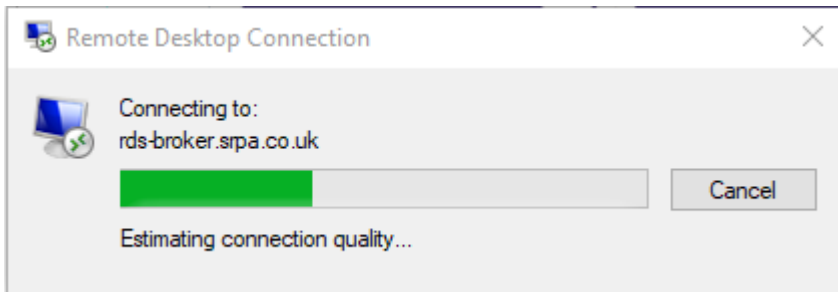
Click on 'More choices', then 'Use a different account'.

Enter the school network name **rps** followed by your username and password, as shown below.



(if you click remember my credentials you will not be asked to log on to the RDS-Broker again)

8. Click OK on the next prompt
9. Approve access through the 'Authenticator App' to logon.





If you experience any problems or have any queries please email itsupport@srpa.co.uk. Please supply screenshots and a description of the problem whenever possible.