

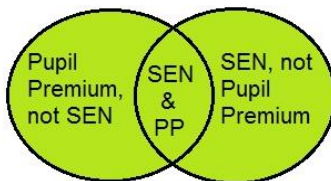
Creating Join, Intersection and Non-Intersection Groups in PARS

What do these groups do?

The three groups mentioned above are special groups in PARS, used to find specific selections of pupils. They work by combining existing groups to get a list of pupils.

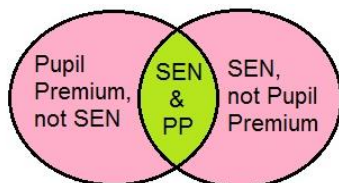
Join Groups

Join Groups merge existing groups together. You can add multiple existing groups into one Join Group which will contain all of the pupils from the original groups.



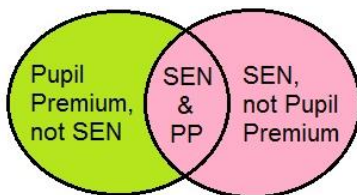
Intersection Groups

Intersection groups find the pupils who are members of multiple groups. You can add multiple existing groups into one Intersection Group, only the pupils who are members of *all* of those groups will be found in the intersection group.



Non Intersection Groups

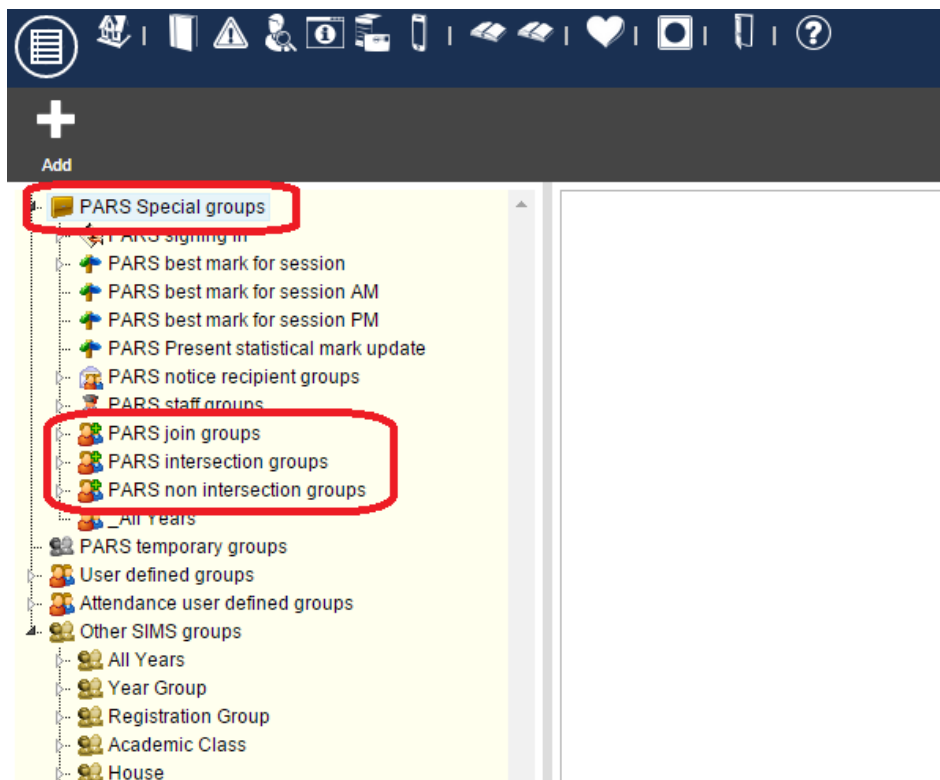
Non intersection groups remove pupils from one 'master' group. You first add the master group, then take pupils away by adding further 'slave' groups. The Non Intersection Group will contain pupils who are members of the master group, but not members of any of the slave groups.



Creating the Groups in PARS

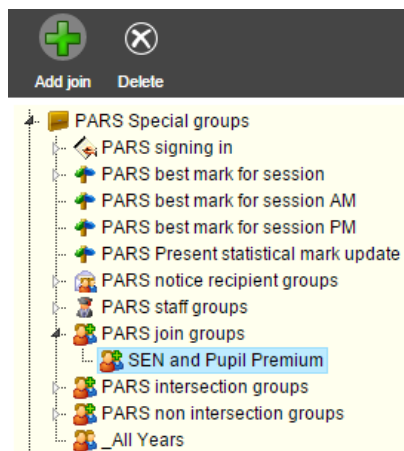
Go to **Main menu > Group management > Group manager**. This is the page used to create all three types of group.

Click on the PARS Special Groups item on the left side of the page to get started.



Click on the type of group you want to create (e.g. click on “PARS join groups”) then click the Add button at the top left. You will then need to name your group – choose a name that represents the students who will be in your group i.e. “SEN and Pupil Premium”.

You will then see your group appear under the relevant section on the left. Click on your group to highlight it and then click the “Add join” button from the top toolbar.



You should now see a window where you can select groups of pupils. Select the groups that you want to merge using your Join, Intersection or Non Intersection Group.

If you are creating a Non Intersection Group, then the master group will be the first group that you select. Any groups selected afterwards are the slave groups.

Once done, click Accept and your group will be created. Some examples of these groups can be found on the following pages.

Examples of Groups

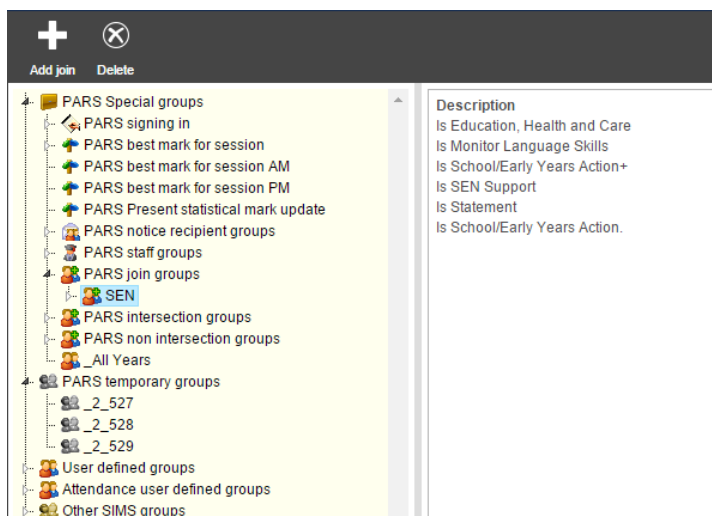
SEN Group

In both PARS and SIMS, there is no single group for SEN; instead there are individual groups for each of the SEN statuses, such as E (Education, Health & Care plan) or S (Statement).

If you want to have one single group that contains all of the SEN pupils, then you would need to create a join group to merge all of the individual status groups together.

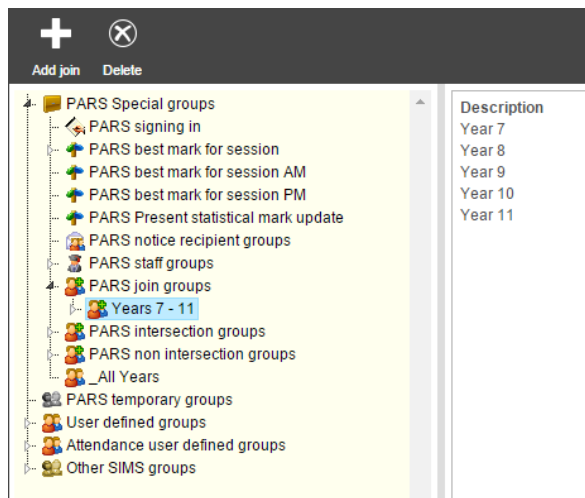
Create a Join Group called “SEN”, then click Add join from the top toolbar. Go to **Other > User defined**. You should see groups called “Is Statement”, “Is Early Years Action”, etc. These are all of the individual SEN groups. Select all of them, except for the groups called “Is Never Assigned” or “Is No Special Educational Need”.

Note that the SEN groups are created by the automation module. If you cannot see the SEN groups, then make sure that the “Create/update is gifted or SEN groups” job is running. See our [automation wiki page](#) for more information.



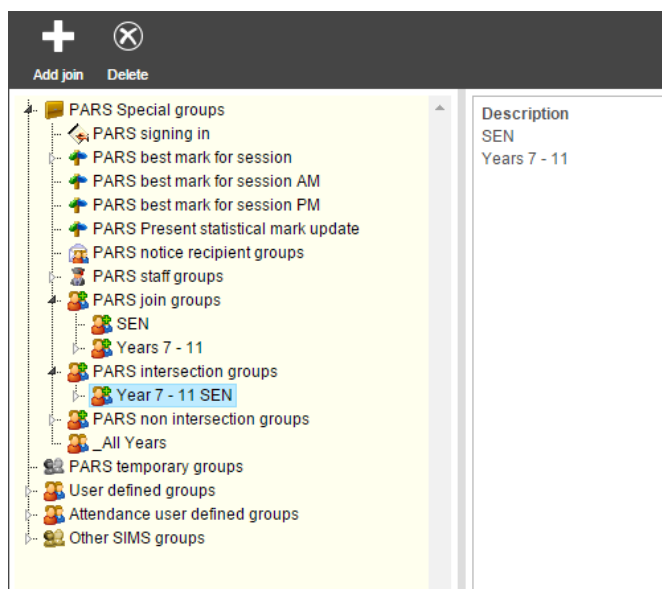
Years 7 – 11

If you want a group that contains all of the pupils from years 7 to 11, you should use a join group. Create a join group called “Years 7 – 11”. Once you have created the group click the Add join button, and select year 7, year 8, year 9 etc.



Year 7 – 11 SEN

For a group containing the pupils in year 7 to 11 with SEN, you would use an intersection group. Create an Intersection group called “Year 7 – 11 SEN”, then click the Add join button. Add the SEN and Year 7 – 11 groups (created above).

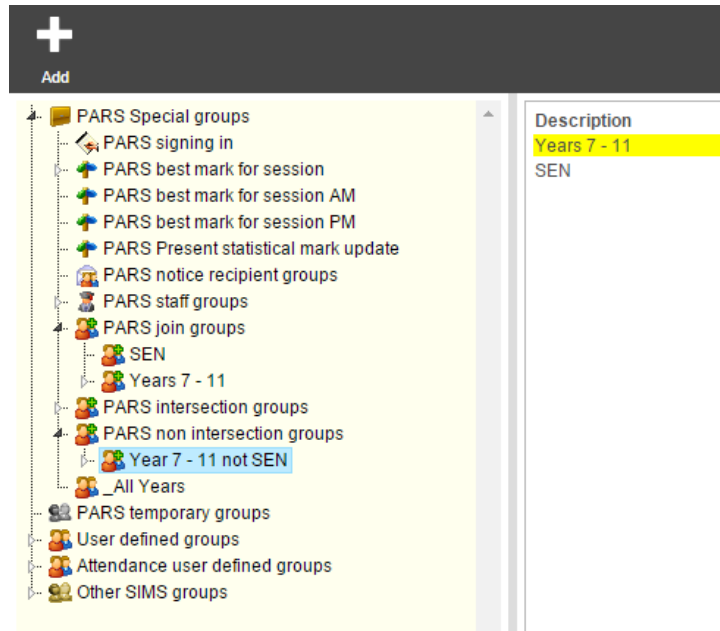


Year 7 – 11 not SEN

You may want to compare the SEN pupils to the non-SEN pupils. To do this you will need an SEN group (as above) as well as a non-SEN group. The non-SEN group will be created using a non-intersection group.

To create this group, you should start with all of the pupils in school and then take out all of the SEN pupils; you will be left with only the non-SEN pupils.

Create a non-Intersection group called “Non-SEN”. First add the Year 7 – 11 group. This will be the master group. Then add the SEN group, all of the pupils in the SEN group will be removed from the Year 7 – 11 group.

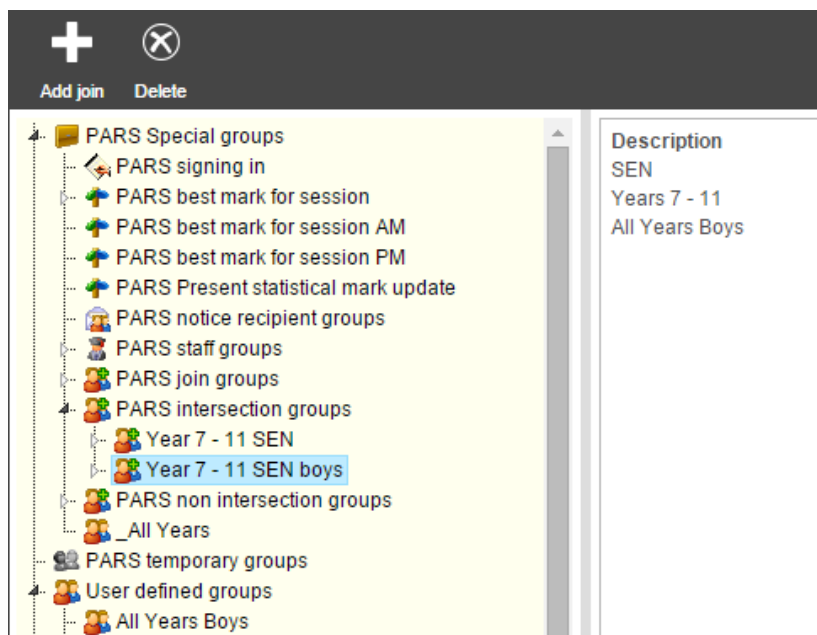


Year 7 – 11 SEN Boys

You can split any group by gender, simply by creating an intersection group between the group you want to split, and a group containing all male or female pupils. The PARS automation module has a job called “Refresh All Years” which creates and maintains gender groups.

Create a new Intersection group and call it “Years 7 – 11 SEN boys”. Click the Add join button and add the SEN group and the Years 7 – 11 group. You now need to add the gender group too. In the group selection window, go to **Other > User defined groups**. You will find groups in here called “All Years Boys” and “All Years Girls”. Add the All Years Boys group.

Note: if you can't find the All Years Boys and/or All Years Girls groups, then close the current window and use the group manager page to look in the Attendance User Defined section. If either of the groups are there, delete them. Next, run the Refresh All Years job from the [automation job list](#). The groups will then be recreated in User Defined Groups.



FSM, FSM6 & Pupil Premium groups

The previous examples have focused on creating and manipulating SEN groups. However schools commonly want to create similar groups, using FSM instead of ethnicity for example.

PARS will create groups for Pupil Premium and FSM6, both of which can be found in User Defined Groups. A group for FSM can be found via the group structure:

Other SIMS groups > Other groupings > Free Meal > Free School Meals.

The FSM6 and Pupil Premium are created by the automation module. The job that creates these groups are called “Create PupilPremium and FSM6 groups”.

