

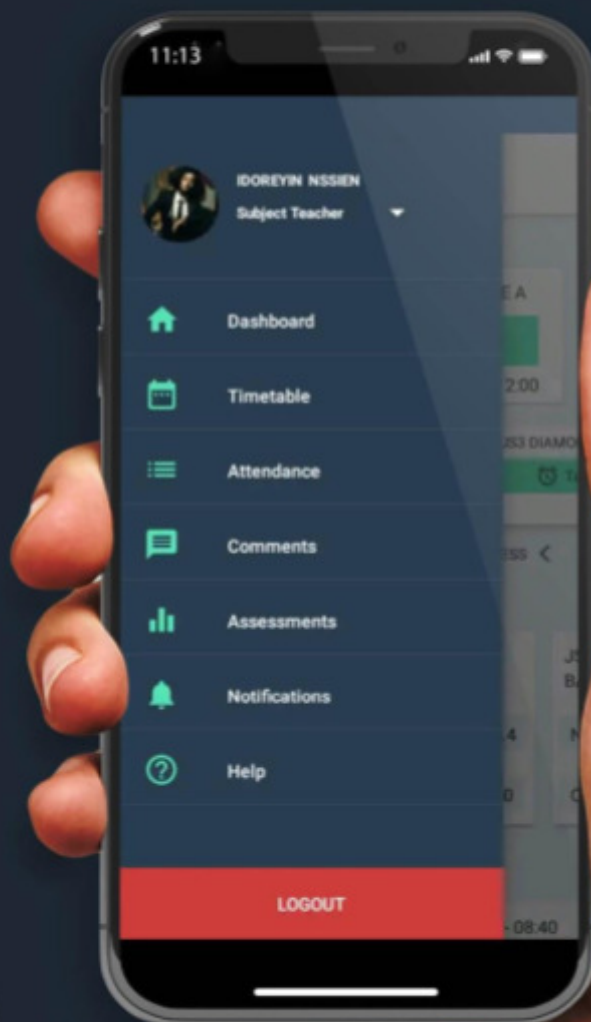
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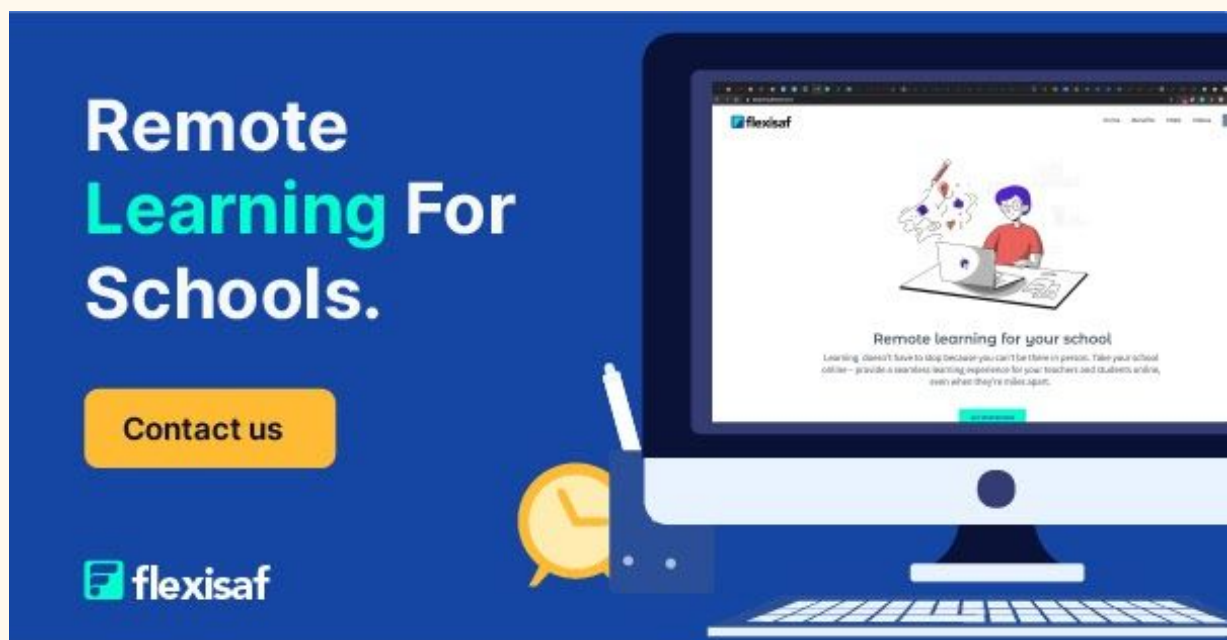
Editors' Note:

Hello. We are still available, our Support Desk working round the clock to ensure you have a smooth experience despite #Covid19. We also launched our new [eLearning Services](#) to help you set up Online Learning so schooling doesn't stop, even through #Covid19. Read to learn how to GET STARTED.

Enjoy!

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Support Desk: SAFSMS Support



Yay! To Continuous service

Hi there,

Amidst the lockdown, we are committed to serving you.

This is to reassure you that we are available to attend and respond to your request **Monday** to **Friday** from **8 am** to **5 pm**.

Find the User Guide for self-service at: <https://help.safsms.com/>

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Featured Story: **Learning Never Stops**

“What are we going to do?” exclaimed Miss Esther.

"We can't just go home and do nothing. We can't give up."

"I'm sorry, I know how you feel and right now we don't have any option, it's for our safety."

"Trust me ma, I know but it just seems like we're throwing in the towel."

Two weeks after receiving the news from Mrs Bola that schools worldwide would be shut down, Miss Esther finally found what she was looking for- a light at the end of the tunnel.

"Hello Mrs Bola," an excited Esther who tried to curtail her joy but was failing woefully at it said into the receiver

"Good day, Miss Esther, what have you found this time?"

Miss bola had been receiving offers and requests which Esther, who believed that there was a way out of the shutdown, had signed them both for and this was the fifth call she had received since the shutdown.

She tried all the solutions and offerings but none quite suit the needs of her pristine school. And she was truly grateful for Miss Esther's enthusiasm in ensuring that learning never stops.

At the moment, they had definitely hit the jackpot, Esther came across a service that guides unique schools like theirs, on the necessary steps to take to get a suitable solution, train them and even provide instructional videos and texts that can be used in the classroom.

Mrs Bola signed up [here](#), what are you waiting for?



SAFSMS Updates

- Good news for SAFSMS Users in Ghana! You can now send bulk sms and customized sms to parents
- Lesson Plans uploaded can now be filtered by Class, Staff ID and Name.

- Manage School House Masters
- Score Entry Timeframe
- View Generated Reports
- Update Parents' Phones/Emails
- Grant Score Edit Access
- Manage Users
- Assign Roles
- Preferences
- Import Configurations
- Manage Comment Template
- View Login History
- Lesson Plan Upload Time Frame
- View Uploaded Lesson Plans
- View Score Modification Logs

Enrollment Officer

View Uploaded Lesson Plans

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mathematics

Staff ID	First Name	Last Name	Other Names	Subject	Class	Uploaded On
AISS/STF/003	MUHD	BASHIR	IBRAHIM	MATHEMATICS	JSS 3 A	2020 February 22, Saturday
Aiss/Stf/021	Aisha	Hassan	Muhd	MATHEMATICS	NUR 2 A	2020 February 23, Sunday
AISS/STF/042	UMAR	Muhammad	SANI	MATHEMATICS	JSS 2 A	2020 February 23, Sunday
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For DIY's find the User Guide at: <https://help.safsms.com/>

Featured Blog Post:

Take Your School Online - COVID 19 & Beyond

As many schools are feeling the impact of the shut-down, it's important that education doesn't suffer.



Some schools have already reached out to ask how they can take advantage of tools at their disposal for online learning, so students don't lag behind.

Questions like "How can I get started immediately?" or "We heard that So and so school is using this or that, how can we get it too?"

First of all, please remember that what works for one school is not guaranteed to work for you. Do you have the same resources, capable teachers or even the same type of students(age group, access to the internet), etc? More than anything, schools need information at this time.

E-Learning can take many possible forms. You can virtually create a classroom environment online and do all you would do physically, or you can make pre-recorded video lessons, digital notes, set up quizzes and so on. Naturally, there are also many tools to choose from.

Which is better and how to choose?

Frankly, no certain tool is better than the other so that's not a question you can find a straightforward answer to. However, there are certain factors you can consider when making the decision to help you pick one that's the perfect match for you.

7 Things to consider choosing the right e-learning solution:

The Number of Students:

The population and size of your school always matter when choosing a solution. How many students do you have and how many do you intend to reach at once using the chosen solution? Most platforms offer a free version but they usually place limits on the number of accounts or users at once per organisation. On the same note, most tools also offer larger discounts when there are more users per organisation.

Internet Access for Tutors & Students:

Do you have any students without access to strong internet connection? Even if the students have access, consider how strong the connection is - given the locations and if there'll be lag on the connection, how will it affect the classes you offer if you decide to go with live classes for example?

Unfortunately, internet connectivity is still an uphill battle in Nigeria. If you determine this to be a major obstacle, you may need a virtual classroom environment (LMS) such as Moodle or google classroom, where you can upload classes & notes in addition to the option of video lessons i.e a platform that allows you create content & distribute rather than stream live classes.

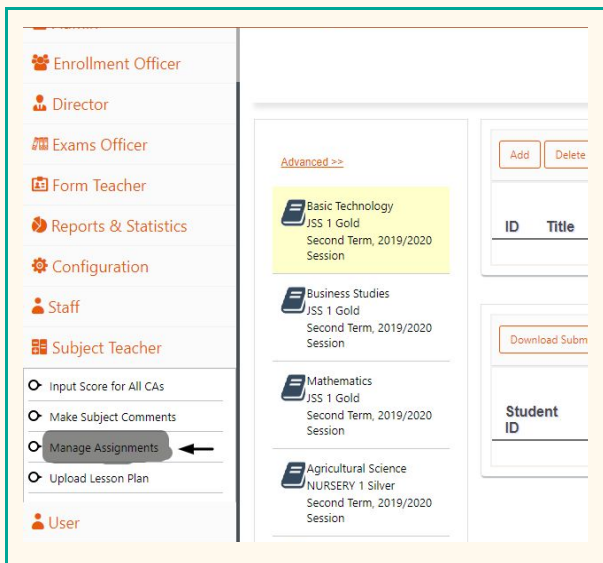
Age Range of Students:

Older students are more independent and familiar with technology already so there may be more flexibility and less need for strict face to face classes. Conversely, younger kids might need a creative combination of tools and content types to stay engaged online.

These are just some of the questions you should answer in the process of deciding to take your school online. Read more: blogs.flexisaf.com

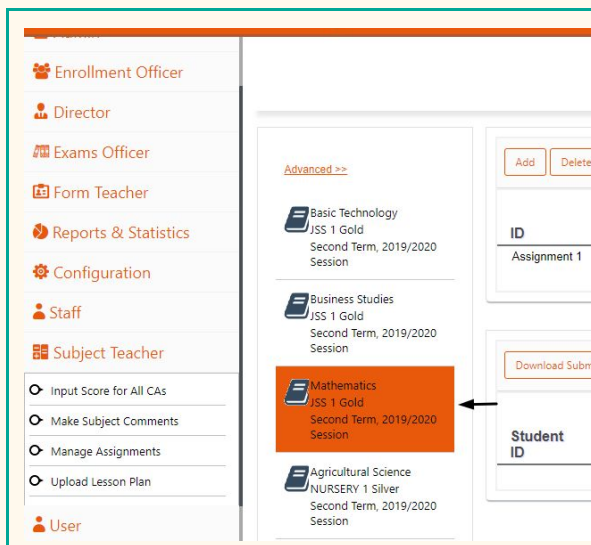
SAFSMS-HOW: How to Upload Assignments

This is where you Create and Upload assignments to students. (only subject teachers have the privilege to upload an Assignment).

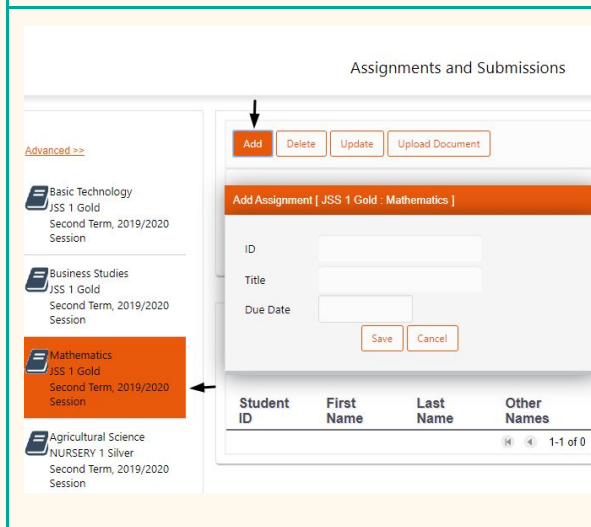


Step 1: Log in as a **subject teacher, navigate to Subject Teacher and click **Manage Assignment****

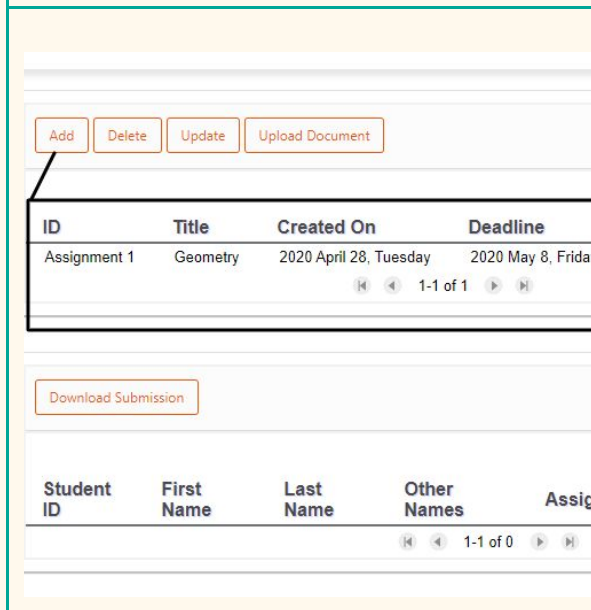
The screenshot shows the SAFSMS web application interface. On the left is a sidebar with a list of roles and actions. The 'Subject Teacher' role is selected, and within its menu, 'Manage Assignments' is highlighted with a black box and an arrow. The main content area displays a list of assignments with columns for 'ID' and 'Title'. The assignments listed are: Basic Technology (JSS 1 Gold, Second Term, 2019/2020 Session), Business Studies (JSS 1 Gold, Second Term, 2019/2020 Session), Mathematics (JSS 1 Gold, Second Term, 2019/2020 Session), and Agricultural Science (NURSERY 1 Silver, Second Term, 2019/2020 Session). There are 'Add' and 'Delete' buttons at the top right, and a 'Download Subm' button below the table.



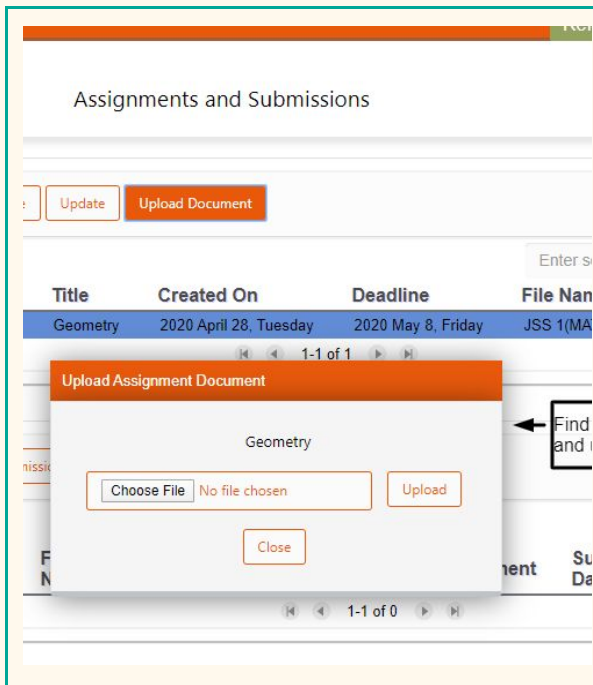
Step 2: Click on the Subjects you want eg, (Mathematics) and click on **Add**



Step 3: A small dialogue box pops in. (*this means you want to create an Assignment for Mathematics.*)



Step 4: Give it an **ID** (ASSIGNMENT 1) >> **TITLE** of the Assignment (GEOMETRY) >> **DUE-DATE**. Click on SAVE when done.



Step 5: Now the assignment proper - Click on which you have created (the color must be blue when selecting it) and click on **UPLOAD DOCUMENT**. By doing this, search for the file you've saved on your device and UPLOAD. (the file name must be visible once you've uploaded the document, this is when the parent will see the assignment/file you have given out and download).

NB: You can only download **SUBMISSION** when the time set for the due date has elapsed.

Schools of the Month



Jan: Victory Schools, Ungwan Yelwa, Kaduna



Feb: Aisha Audi School, Minna, Niger State.

Quiz

Want a free data bundle? Answer our Quiz and submit your answers to newsletter.safsms@flexisaf.com.

First 3 correct submissions win!

Question	Answer to Previous Quiz
What is Microlearning?	Faiz

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