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ALPHA CONTROL ECOSYSTEM [ACE]

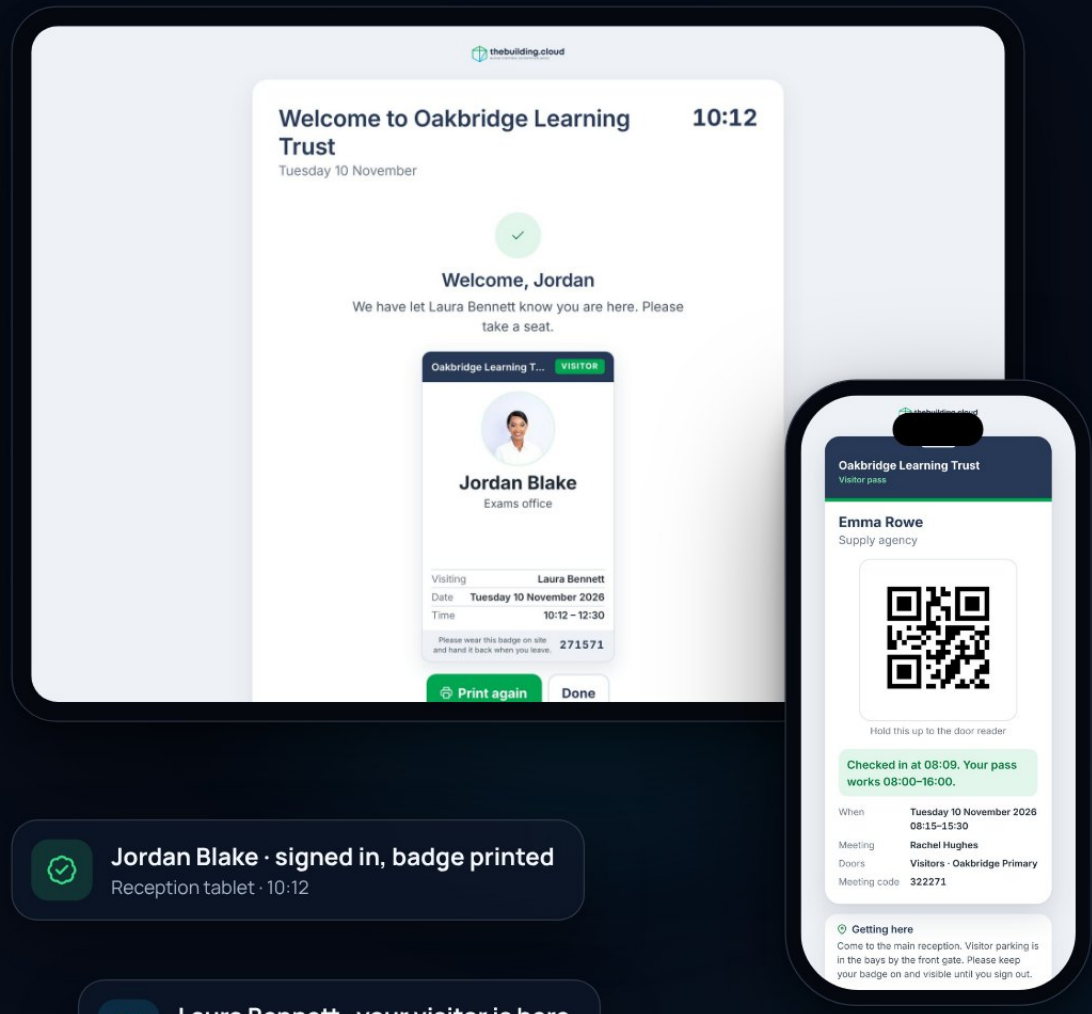
• FOR SCHOOLS AND MULTI-ACADEMY TRUSTS

Every visitor signed in. And accounted for.

Visitor sign-in for schools, run from a browser. A reception tablet or the visitor's own phone, a photo badge, your safeguarding rules on screen, the host told straight away, and a fire roll call of visitors on site.

Try it at one reception →

See a school day



Jordan Blake · signed in, badge printed
Reception tablet · 10:12

Laura Bennett · your visitor is here
Email with photo · I'm on my way

Any tablet, no kiosk PC

Badges on your own printer

Roll call on any phone

● WHAT SCHOOL OFFICES ASK FOR

Six things every school needs from visitor sign-in.

Quick for the office at 8:30, clear for the visitor, and a record you can stand behind when someone asks who was on site.

01

Everyone signed in

Booked or not, on the reception tablet or their own phone, with a photo if you want one.

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Safeguarding read and accepted

Your own wording on screen. Walk-ins tick it before they sign in, time stamped.

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A badge for the day

Photo, name, host and date, printed at reception.

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The right person told

The host hears straight away and, with door access on, walk-ins wait for approval.

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Who's on site in an emergency

A roll call of visitors on any phone at the assembly point.

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Records you can defend

Blocked visitors, timed door passes and deletion on your schedule.

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● WHAT THE GUIDANCE SAYS

Sign in, a badge for the day, and know who's on site.

The rules on visitors keep getting more specific. The office needs a system that makes them the easy path.

KCSIE 2026

1 Sep

Keeping children safe in education 2026 came into force, with tighter checks for volunteers and supply staff.

DFE · HCR LAW

VISITOR BADGES

1 day

Visitors report to reception, sign in and get a badge valid only on the day it's issued.

DFE SCHOOL SECURITY, JUL 2026

MARTYN'S LAW

200+

Schools expecting 200 or more people will need evacuation, invacuation, lockdown and communication procedures, expected from spring 2027.

DFE · TRAVERS SMITH

PUBLISHED PRICES

£415+

Per site per year for a widely used app-based sign-in, before its hardware. Kiosk systems quote on request.

SIGNINAPP.COM, OCT 2026



After an evacuation, someone has to work out who is missing, and the visitor log belongs in the grab bag. **A live list of visitors on site, on any phone, does that job.**

Live

VISITORS ON SITE

Sources: DfE Keeping children safe in education 2026 (in force 1 September 2026), summarised by HCR Law · DfE School and college security, updated 3 July 2026 · DfE Protective security and preparedness for education settings, April 2025 · DfE How Martyn's Law will affect education settings; Travers Smith, October 2026 · Sign In App pricing page, checked 31 October 2026.

• THE OFFICE VIEW

One screen for the whole day. Who's due. Who's in.

Today at a glance

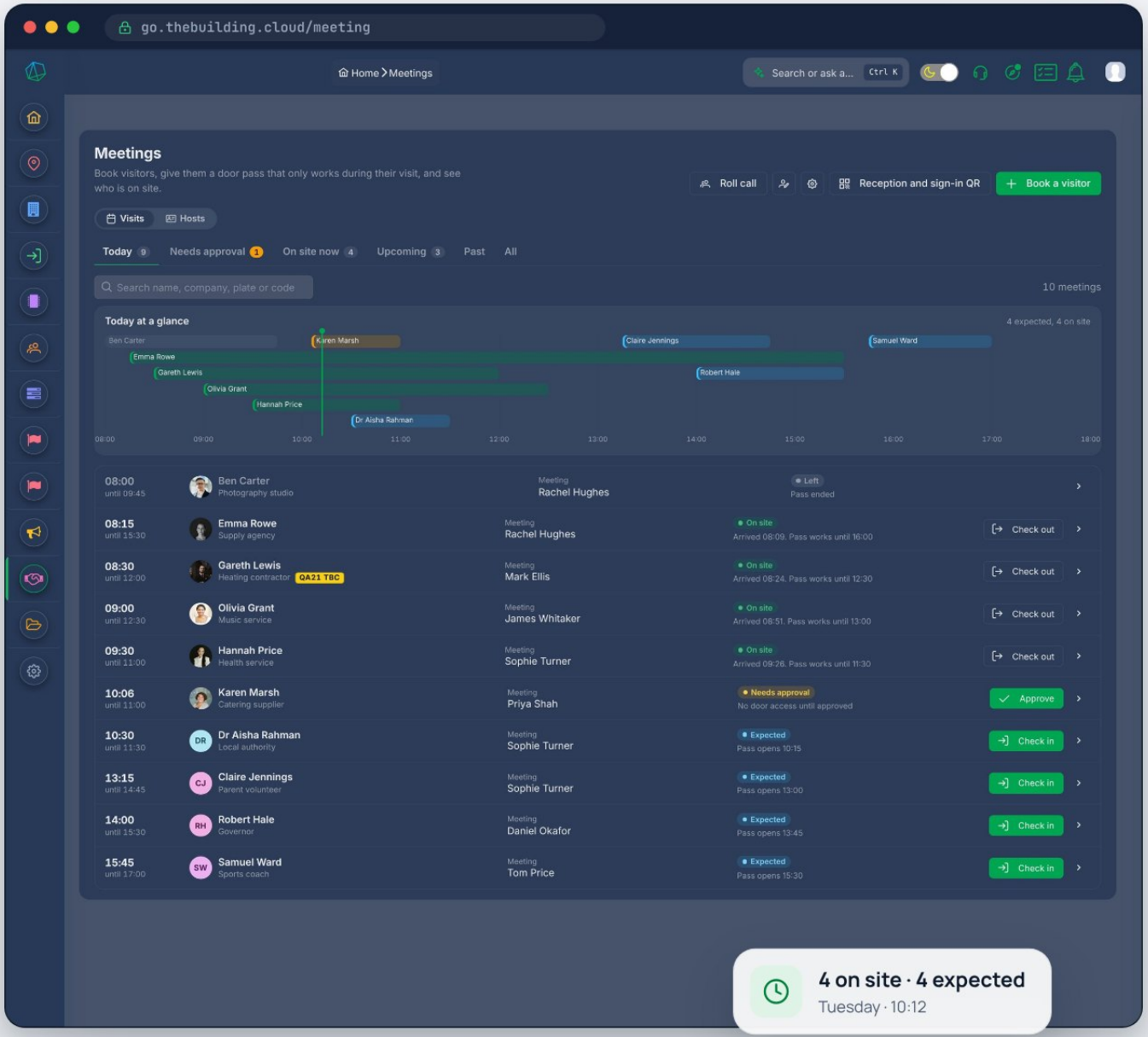
Every visit on a timeline, with a line for now. Expected, on site, waiting for approval or gone.

One tap to check in or out

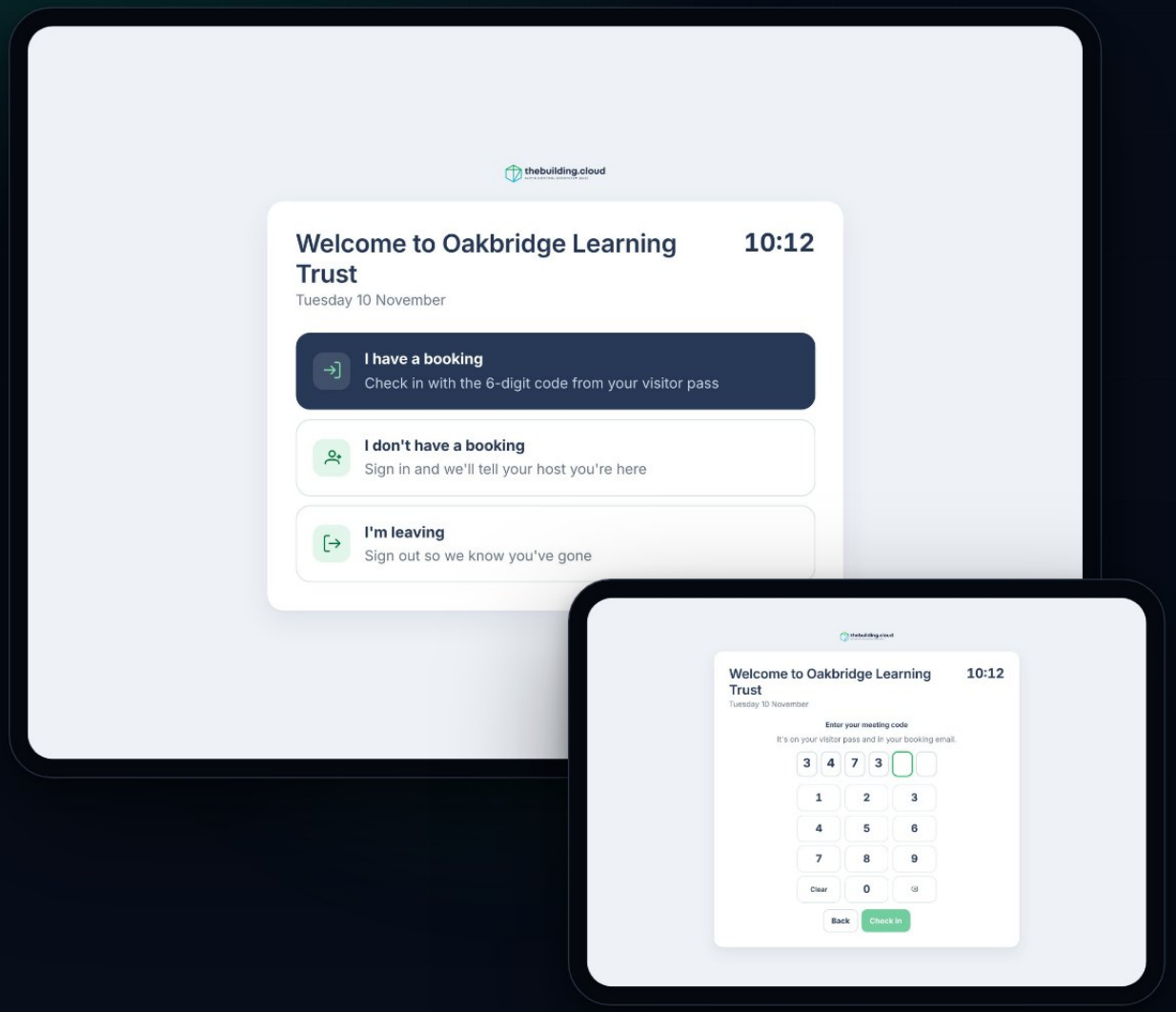
Or let the tablet, the visitor's phone or the door do it.

Find anyone in seconds

Search by name, company, number plate or meeting code.



Screens from our demo account. Names are made up.

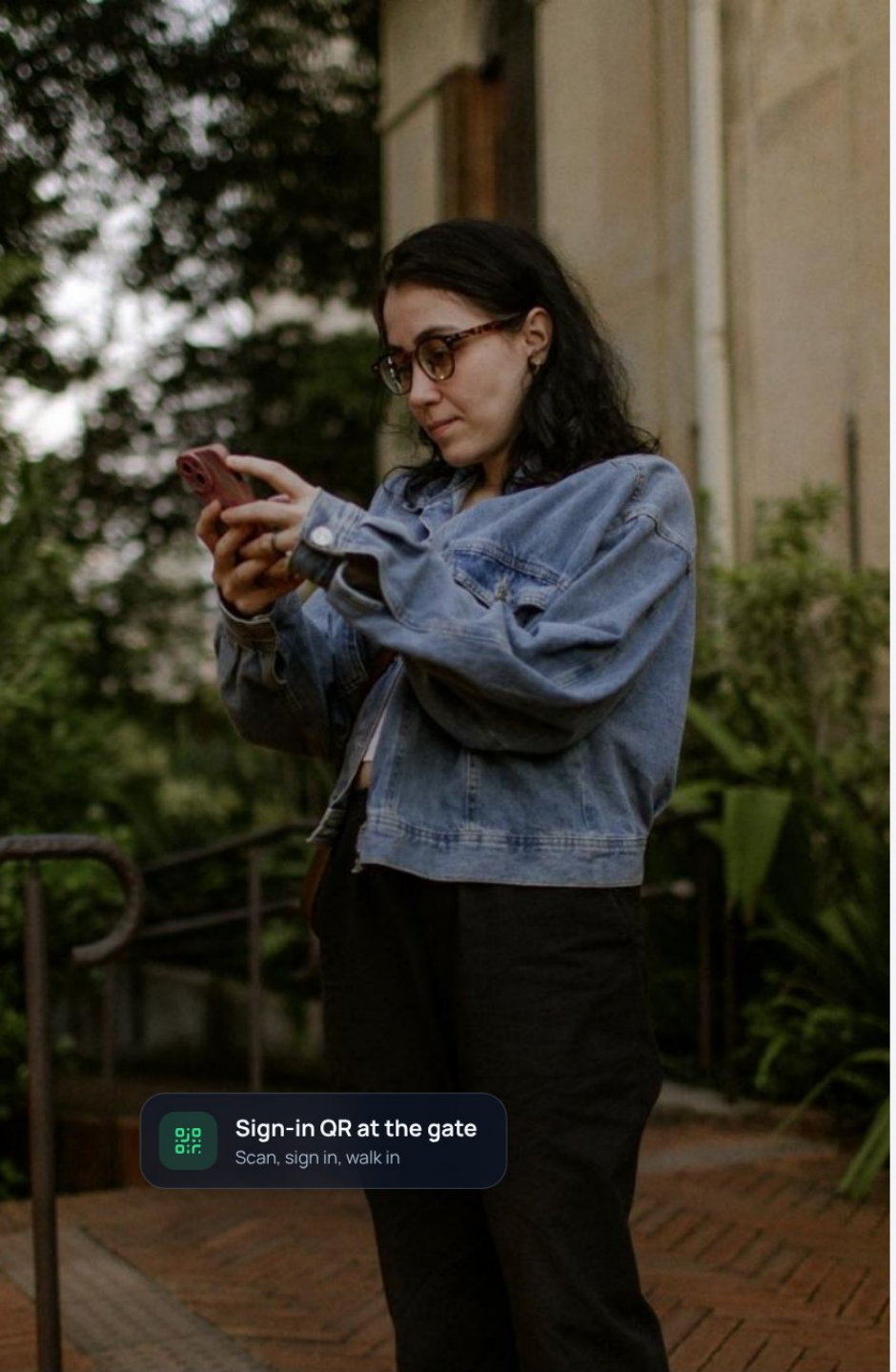


• RECEPTION TABLET

Three buttons. No queue at the hatch.

1. **I have a booking**
   Type the six-digit code from the booking email. The host is told they've arrived.
2. **I don't have a booking**
   Name, who they're visiting, a photo, your rules ticked, then the badge prints.
3. **I'm leaving**
   Sign out with the same code, so the roll call stays right.

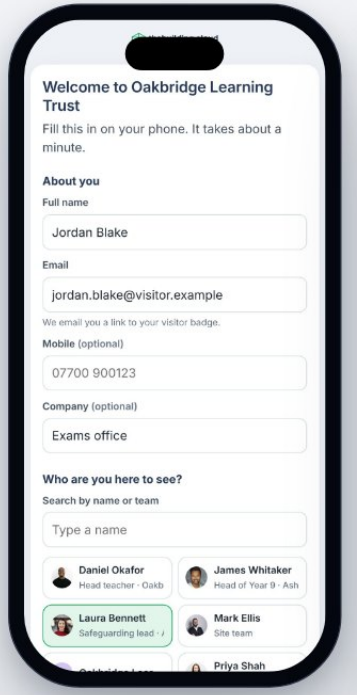
Any tablet with a web browser
Open the reception link once and leave it on the stand. Lose a tablet? Make new links: the old ones stop working, so print new sign-in QR posters too.

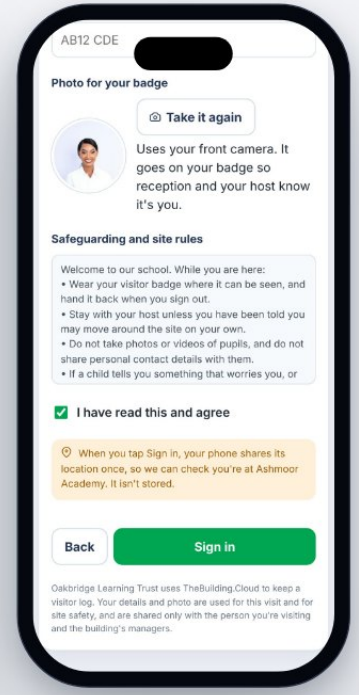


● SIGN IN ON THEIR PHONE

Scan the poster.
Signed in before the door.

Print the sign-in QR for the front desk or the gate. Visitors sign in on their own phone, so the queue never builds at reception.





Only on site

Phones must be within the distance you set, from 50 m to 1 km. The tablet doesn't need it.

Photo from their camera

Required, optional or off.

They pick their host

Staff photos and departments, searchable.

● YOUR RULES, EVERY VISIT

Safeguarding read. Rules accepted. Badge printed.

Your own wording

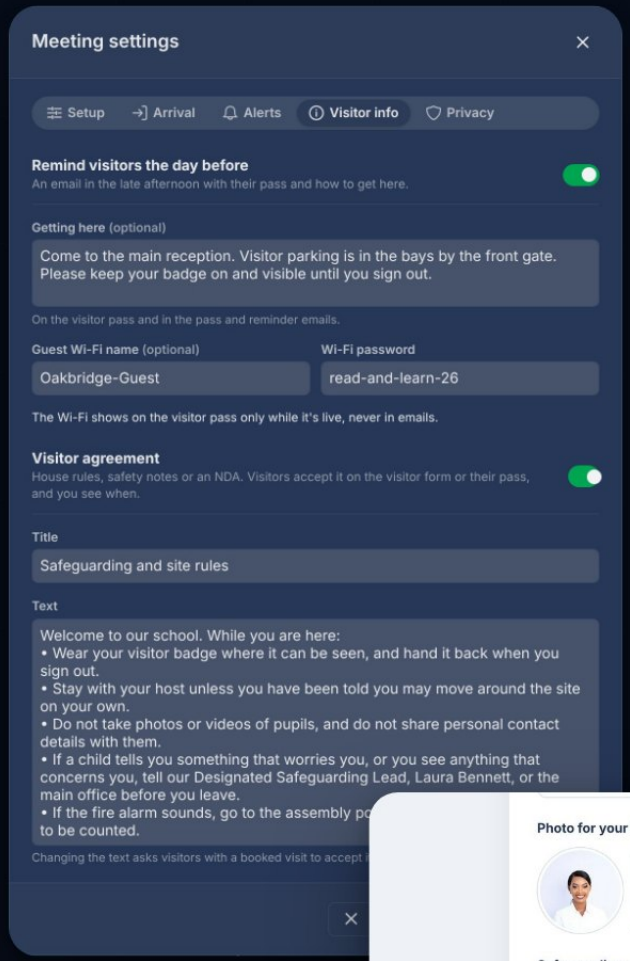
Your safeguarding lead, photo rules and fire drill. Walk-ins tick it before they can sign in; booked visitors accept it on their pass.

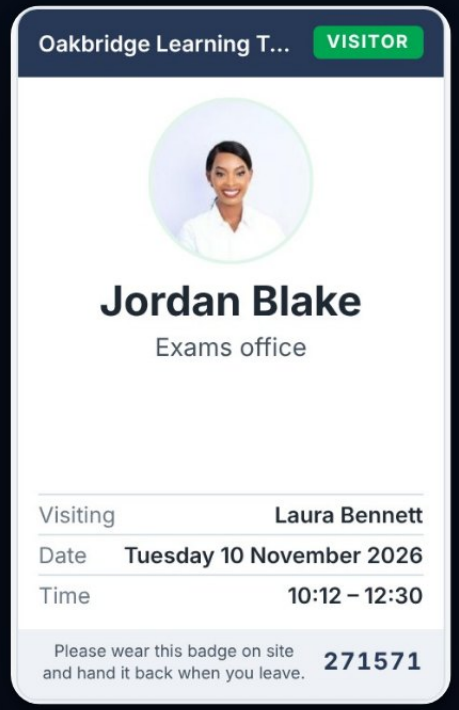
Asked again when it changes

Each acceptance is time stamped. Change the text and returning visitors accept it again.

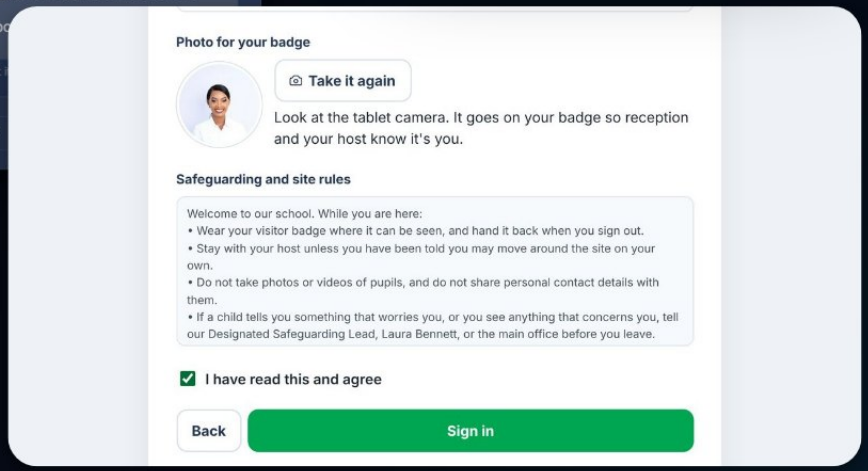
A badge for the day

Photo, name, host, date and times. Brother QL 62 × 100 or Dymo 54 × 101 labels, or A6 and A4 sheets, on a printer the tablet can reach.





PRINTED VISITOR BADGE



HOSTS AND APPROVALS

The right person told. Nobody waits unseen.

Arrival email with their photo

Plus a push to the host's phone if they use the TheBuilding.Cloud app.

"I'm on my way"

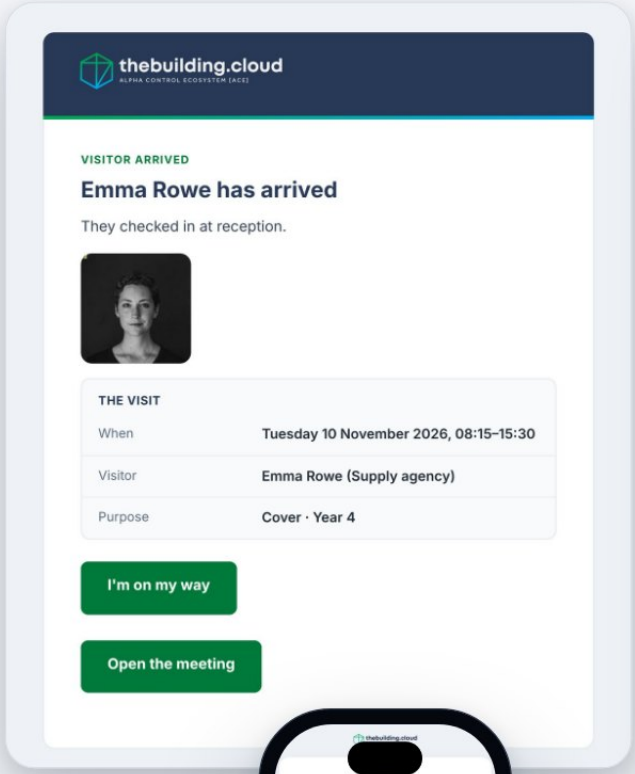
One tap, and the visitor sees it on their pass.

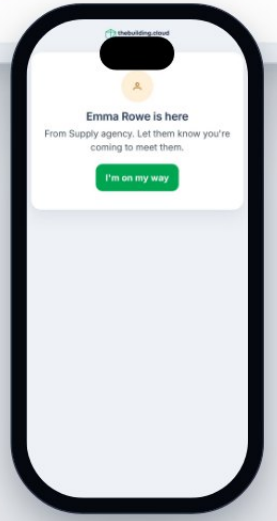
Walk-ins wait for approval

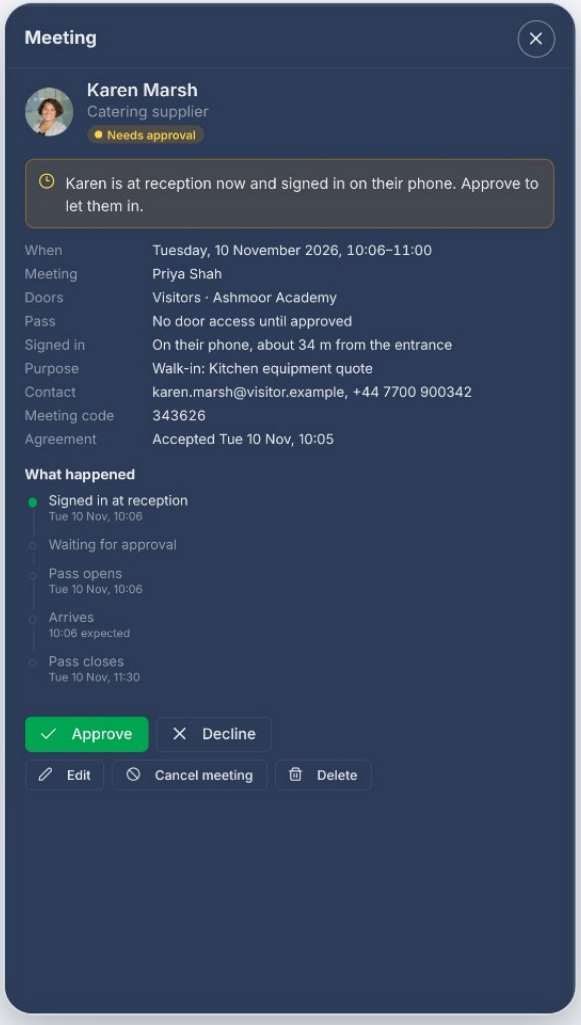
With door access on, nobody without a booking gets a pass until the host or the office approves.

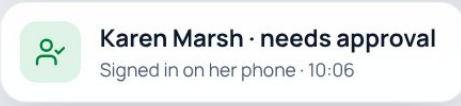
Stand-ins for teachers in class

A colleague gets the same alerts and can approve or check in.







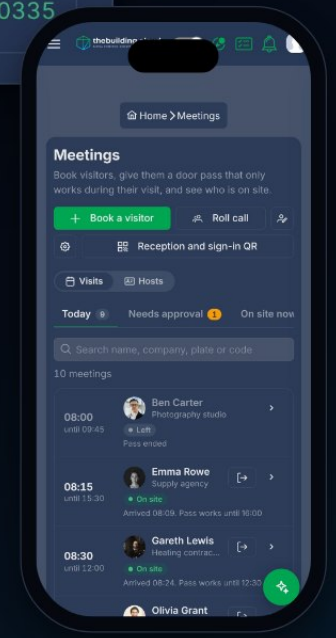


• FIRE ROLL CALL

The alarm rings.
Every visitor accounted for.

Open Roll call at the assembly point on a phone or laptop signed in as the office: every visitor signed in on site, who they're with, when they arrived and a number to call.





Tick them off, or print it

See how many are accounted for as you go.

A list you can trust

Visitors sign out on the tablet or their phone, or the host checks them out. Timed passes end on their own, and a sign-in book can sign everyone out at a set time.

Assembly point · 2 of 4 accounted for
Roll call · 10:14

Visitors only

Roll call lists visitors and contractors. Staff and pupils stay on your registers.

• DOORS, IF YOU WANT THEM

Passes that open only during the visit.

Turn on door access and each visit carries a pass for the doors you choose, from 15 minutes before to 30 minutes after. Prefer a sign-in book only? Leave it off and Meetings works as a visitor log.

QR code at the reader · Door code · Phone door key · Number plate

A contractor's pass opens the plant room for the morning, not the classrooms. A booked number plate lifts the staff car park barrier during the visit. When the visit ends, the pass is removed from the doors.

Every door a visitor used shows on their visit, including refused attempts.



Door access needs our door controllers. Number plates need a supported camera and the number-plate add-on.

● SET UP ONCE

Your staff. Your rules. Your retention.

A host list

Who can host, their department, a stand-in, and how each person hears: email, the app or both.

Blocked visitors

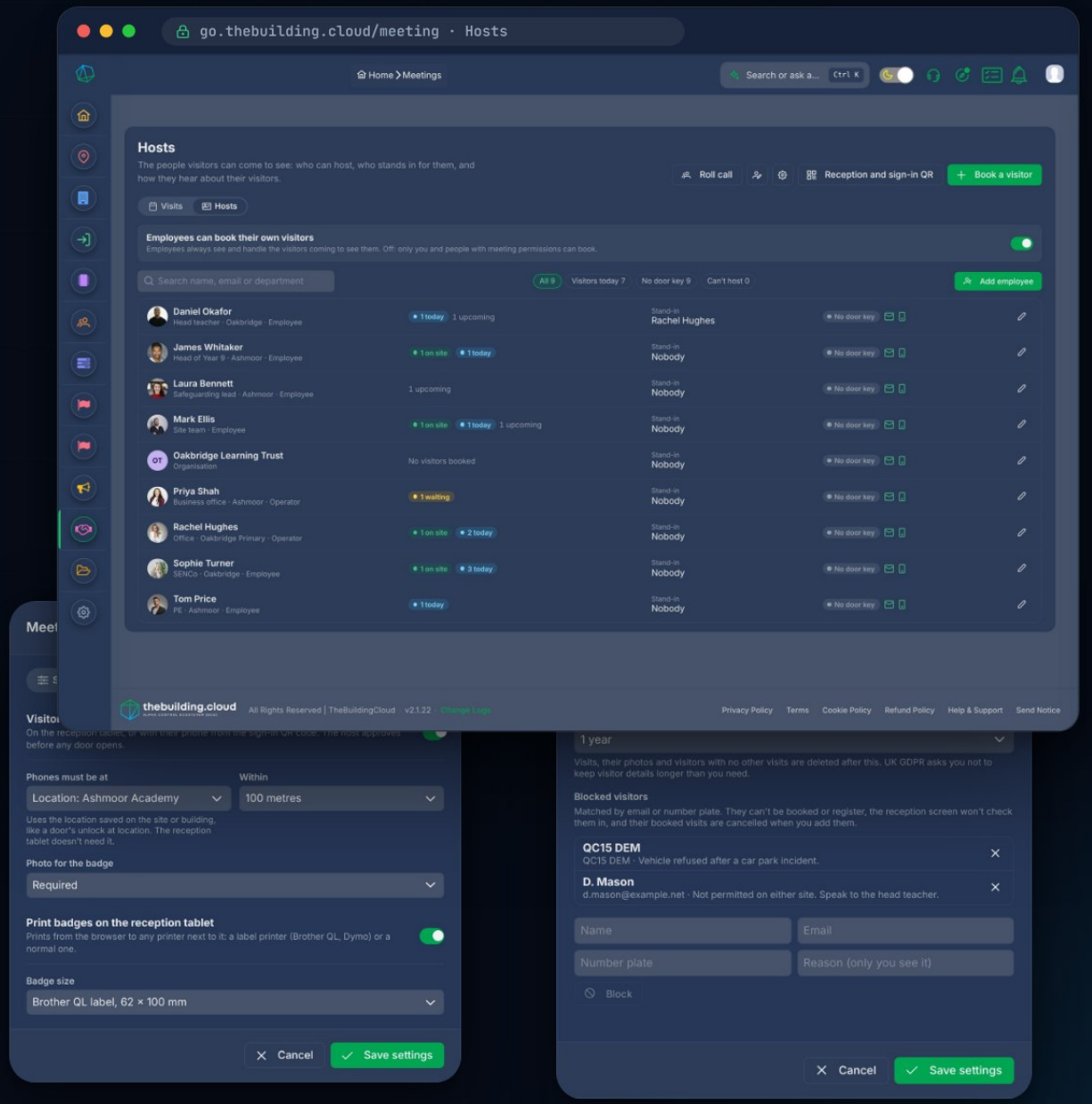
By email or number plate. They can't be booked or sign in, and their booked visits are cancelled.

Deleted on your schedule

After 30 days, 3 or 6 months, 1 or 2 years: visits, photos and visitor details with nothing left to keep.

The day-before email

Booked visitors get their pass and how to find you. The guest Wi-Fi shows on their pass during the visit.



● QUESTIONS WE HEAR

Straight answers for school business managers.

What hardware do we need?

Any tablet with a web browser at reception, and a printer the tablet can print to: a label printer or a normal one. Try yours first.

Does it do lockdown?

No. Keep your lockdown alarm and procedure. Meetings tells you which visitors are on site, which your plans will need.

Staff and pupils?

Meetings is for visitors and contractors. Staff sign-in and pupil late marks stay in your current system or MIS.

Does it link to our MIS?

Not today. Every plan has a documented API if your trust wants to connect systems.

DBS checks and the SCR?

Keep checks in your single central record. Add a note to a booking, block someone, and make your rules part of signing in.

Can we use it without doors?

Yes. Switch door access off and it's a visitor log: sign-in, badges, host alerts, your rules and roll call.

PUBLISHED PRICES

One plan for the whole school. Prices you can see.

Our plans are on our website. Here's how they sit next to what schools are offered today.

THEBUILDING.CLOUD · PRO

£950

a year, or £95 a month

- Visitor sign-in, badges and roll call
- Up to 3 locations (postcodes)
- Any tablet and printer you have
- Monthly plans you can cancel
- Door access and intercom on the same plan

APP-BASED SIGN-IN

£415–£1,255

per site, per year (Sign In App)

- Core, Enhanced or Pro tier
- Each postcode is a separate site
- iPad, stand and label printer package extra
- Central record add-on £250–£650 a year

KIOSK SYSTEMS

Quote

no public price list (e.g. InVentry, Entrysign)

- Price on request

A trust with three schools on three postcodes, at list price, for visitor sign-in alone: **Sign In App Core, £1,245 a year. thebuilding.cloud Pro, £950 a year**, with doors and intercom available on the same plan. The schools share one set of visitor settings and one roll call.

3 sites

ONE PRO PLAN

Prices as published on 31 October 2026: thebuilding.cloud/features/pricing (monthly), our terms (yearly) and signinapp.com/pricing. Features differ: other systems include staff sign-in and MIS links that we don't offer. Door controllers and readers are priced per door. Enterprise (£150 a month plus usage) has no location limit.

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• NEXT STEP

Try it at one reception. See the difference.

Tell us about your school or trust. We'll set up your reception tablet and sign-in QR with you, and price doors if you want them.

- How many schools and receptions
- How visitors sign in today
- Whether you'd like doors and gates too

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