Feature comparison table

Feature	Cloud Hosted	Locally Hosted
Domain name	http://yourschool.fireflycloud.net	Any URL
Login credentials	Email username as stored in MIS & self serve password Assigned username/pw Google Apps O365	Assigned username/pw AD username/pw Google Apps O365
Login method	SSO - Google Apps SSO - O365 (can be linked to AD if consistent email address is used) Assigned username/pw* *self service account management only available when students have accessible email addresses.	SSO - AD SSO - Google Apps SSO - O365 Assigned username/pw
Calendar integration	Google (iCal) O365	MIS - iSAMS, WCBS, Schoolbase Exchange Google (iCal) O365
Performance	Amazon Elastic Cloud Load balanced Redundancy Self healing fully backed up Carrier level connection to web 99% uptime	Service & performance as per local configuration
MIS integration	Daily batch process All MIS's?	Live integration All MIS's
Developer	Integrate with Firefly's single sign on API	Integrate with Firefly's single sign on API Add template customisations Read and display data from local databases Write and deploy custom page and component plugins

Setting up

Setup	Cloud Hosted	Locally Hosted
Installation	Managed	Meet prerequisites Run installer
Domain	Provided	Subdomain set up or domain purchase & configure
Certificate	Provided	Purchase & install required

Server	Provided	MS server required (& SQL) see minimum server specs…
Licenses	Provided	MS Server MS SQL Server (full text search) see minimum server specs...
External access	Managed	Bypass proxy Configure firewall
Integration	Install Cloud Uploader on MIS server & configure (Firefly supported)	Make connection with MIS server & configure (Firefly supported)

Ongoing

Manage	Cloud Hosted	Locally Hosted
Storage	Limitless First 50Gb free - £2/Gb/year thereafter	Dependent on drive-space made available on-site
Upgrading	Managed	Download and run upgrade package (approx 8/year)
Server maintenance	Optimised for Firefly Fully managed	As per local arrangements