

What monitoring system do we have in place?

To assist with monitoring content being accessed at our school, we use a product called Impero.

Impero is a cloud hosted software which allows our school to monitor online activity from pupils. In the event of an inappropriate site being accessed, Impero will take screenshots of the next five steps after a specific keyword has been entered. This allows us monitor how the inappropriate site was reached, who, where, and when the activity took place. Email alerts are sent to the DSL and E-Safety Co-ordinator.



Further Information

- ➡ **Keeping Children Safe in Education:**
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/keeping-children-safe-in-education--2>
- ➡ **Smoothwall:**
<https://smoothwall.com/>
- ➡ **SurfProtect® Quantum**
<https://exa.net.uk/content-filtering-surfprotect/>
- ➡ **Impero:**
<https://www.imperosoftware.com/education/>

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Keeping Children Safe in Education

Schools should provide a safe environment to learn and work, including when online.

Filtering & monitoring are both important parts of safeguarding pupils and staff from potentially harmful and inappropriate online material. Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSiE) states that all schools and colleges should: *“ensure appropriate filters and appropriate monitoring systems are in place and regularly review their effectiveness”* and they: *“should be doing all that they reasonably can to limit children's exposure to the above risks from school's or college's IT system”*.

We have produced this leaflet to inform our school community and anyone who visits our schools, how we are striving to keep everyone safe.



What is filtering & monitoring?

Filtering systems: block access to harmful sites and content.

Monitoring systems: identify when a user accesses or searches for certain types of harmful content on school and college devices (it doesn't stop someone accessing it). Your school is then alerted to any concerning content so you can intervene and respond.

No filtering and monitoring system is 100% effective, so you need to use it alongside your existing safeguarding systems and procedures.

What if I have a safeguarding and technical concern?

Report your concerns to the DSL or E-Safety Co-ordinator, such as if:

- You witness or suspect unsuitable material has been accessed
- You are able to access unsuitable material
- Staff are teaching topics that could create unusual activity on the filtering logs
- There is failure in the software or abuse of the system
- There are perceived unreasonable restrictions that affect teaching and learning or administrative tasks
- You notice abbreviations or misspellings that allow access to restricted material



What filtering system do we have in place?

To ensure our infrastructure/network is as safe and secure as is reasonably possible, we use a firewall and filtering system. Exa's SurfProtect® Quantum acts as a defence against unsafe and inappropriate traffic entering or leaving the school network. This product allows us to inspect traffic, customise allowed/blocked lists, and features reporting and analytic tools.

SurfProtect® Quantum uses cloud based filtering. Devices can only be used with an installed inspection certificate. This means that regardless of what the device is, or who the device belongs to, if the network is used for the internet, all traffic will be inspected and scrutinised.