

Appropriate Filtering for Education settings



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Filtering Integrator Checklist Responses

Schools in England (and Wales) are required “to ensure children are safe from terrorist and extremist material when accessing the internet in school, including by establishing appropriate levels of filtering”. Furthermore, the Department for Education’s statutory guidance ‘Keeping Children Safe in Education’ obliges schools and colleges in England to “ensure appropriate filters and appropriate monitoring systems are in place” *and they “should be doing all that they reasonably can to limit children’s exposure to the above risks from the school’s or college’s IT system”* however, schools will need to “be careful that “over blocking” does not lead to unreasonable restrictions as to what children can be taught with regards to online teaching and safeguarding.”

Included within the Scottish Government national action plan on internet safety, schools in Scotland are expected to “have policies in place relating to the use of IT and to use filtering as a means of restricting access to harmful content.”

By completing all fields and returning to UK Safer Internet Centre (enquiries@saferinternet.org.uk), the aim of this document is to help filtering integrators illustrate to education settings (including Early years, schools and FE) which filtering solution they utilise/recommend and what additional services they provide that enhance the filtering system to support schools. Fully completed forms will be hosted on the UK Safer Internet Centre website alongside the definitions

It is important to recognise that no filtering systems can be 100% effective and need to be supported with good teaching and learning practice and effective supervision.

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Filtering System Used/Recommended	Sophos Web Filtering , Firewall and Intercept X
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Please indicate why this filtering system has been adopted or recommended

This was chosen after a review of several industry leading filtering products. The product suite enables us to offer industry leading end-to-end protection of users and devices on our networks

If relevant, please indicate how you enhance the filtering system

We can provide full support on the filtering platform - installation, configuration, and ongoing administration, including continual updates to security patterns. We provide a baseline security profile which can then be tailored to individual staff members, pupils, age groups or learning objectives as required. Access logs are maintained and monitored as per schools requirements. We provide a mechanism for users to report sites and to request changes as required. Support requirements can be tailored to any on site technical staff requirements.

Filtering systems are only ever a tool in helping to safeguard children when online and schools have an obligation to *“consider how children may be taught about safeguarding, including online, through teaching and learning opportunities, as part of providing a broad and balanced curriculum”*.¹

Please note below opportunities to support schools (and other settings) in this regard

The aim of our curriculum support team is to raise the standards of teaching and learning in computing, with a large part of this focussing on E-Safety. We provide bespoke staff and pupil educational days throughout the year, including ‘Introduction to Computing’ and ‘Everything you need to know’ courses tailored to individual year group / Key Stage staff as well as ‘E-Safety Champions’ packages for pupils and e-safety and awareness as part of our ‘Curriculum Enrichment’ days for pupils. Our ‘E-Safety Champions’ Resource pack provides E-Safety Champions with the skills and knowledge to take back to the school. Included in this pack are 6 units (1 for each half term) with resources that will enable E-Safety champions to deliver important messages of how to keep safe in our digital world to the rest of school. We also take part in ‘Safer Internet Day’ – having provided workshop and training opportunities for several years.

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/keeping-children-safe-in-education--2>

INTEGRATOR SELF-CERTIFICATION DECLARATION

In order that schools can be confident regarding the accuracy of the self-certification statements, the supplier confirms:

- that their self-certification responses have been fully and accurately completed by a person or persons who are competent in the relevant fields
- that they will update their self-certification responses promptly when changes to the service or its terms and conditions would result in their existing compliance statement no longer being accurate or complete
- that they will provide any additional information or clarification sought as part of the self-certification process
- that if at any time, the UK Safer Internet Centre is of the view that any element or elements of a provider's self-certification responses require independent verification, they will agree to that independent verification, supply all necessary clarification requested, meet the associated verification costs, or withdraw their self-certification submission.

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