

Privacy notice – Filtering and Monitoring School Systems

Our internet and online systems are used to support teaching and learning, pastoral and wellbeing, financial and personnel issues.

To do this we have to be mindful that staff, pupils, volunteers, and visitors may access the internet to undertake tasks.

We have an obligation to put in place suitable Filtering and Monitoring systems, these will apply to our devices, whether used on site or off site. Filtering and Monitoring will also apply to personal devices that access out internet connection on the site.

Filtering is the safety measure designed to restrict and control the content which can be accessed by staff, pupils, volunteers, and visitors.

Monitoring concerns the review of user activity on the school's network to promote the safeguarding of staff, pupils, volunteers, and visitors.

Management of Data

We will use third party systems to manage the Filtering and Monitoring obligations that are Department for Education requirements and are set out in Keeping Children Safe in Education and are part of the wider safeguarding standards that are mandatory.

The records will be retained indefinitely but the records do not contain and specific data only IP traffic – which would then be matched to a user on the network.

However, there may be instances where elements need to be retained for a longer period if there are safeguarding concerns.

This data will be processed as part of a Public Task with a Legal Duty to implement the systems and procedures.

What do we do with the data?

The data will be reviewed internally by suitably appointed Safeguarding and IT professionals. There may be occasions when it is necessary to share material with third parties such as the police, social care or health professionals. Sometimes this can be done without any notification to the person or person who have been the source of the concerns.

If matters need to be raised with individuals this will be done according to our wider data protection, safeguarding and employee policies as is appropriate.

What will it be used for?

The schools filtering system uses the data to monitor IP traffic on the school network.

How long will we keep it?

It is not stored or kept – live system monitoring IP traffic.

How will we store it?

Password protected system online with 2FA to keep network traffic information secure.

Will it be shared with others?

This data is held by Netsweeper and is accessed by EKTE the 3rd party support company for the school.

Your data protection rights.

For more information about how data is collected, stored, used, and protected, please see our data protection policy which can be found on our website.

You will find details about your rights and how to access data we hold, and what to do if you are not satisfied or wish to complain.