

KCSiE (2023) states that a school's approach to online safety, including appropriate filtering and monitoring on schools devices and networks, should be reflected in its Child Protection policy, including awareness of the ease of access to mobile phone networks. It also reasserts that the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) should take responsibility for this. Paragraph 141 states that 'governing bodies should consider the number and age range of their children, those who are potentially at greater risk of harm and how often they access the IT system.' Paragraph 142 sets out that schools should: identify and assign roles and responsibilities to manage filtering and monitoring systems; review filtering and monitoring provision at least once per year; block harmful and inappropriate content without unreasonably impacting teaching and learning; have effective monitoring strategies in place to meet the school's safeguarding needs.

The East Riding Local Authority states that 'permissions for access to the internet is controlled by our Firewalls and via ER proxy settings, which gives greater access to Staff and less so for pupils. ER provide these settings to ICT Support providers at each school, if we provide that support, our engineers will ensure the settings are adhered correctly. For example, the pupil settings only allows Education YouTube not the full version access. It is up to the school if you prefer not to allow YouTube in the school for Staff and Pupils, we can block these for you if you want us to. Safe search is enabled for all search engines as well as https decrypt & inspect, which allows us to filter search terms from explicit content.

Our ER Comms team and Security Team as well as Paul Foster have been trained directly by Smoothwall and are our experts in this field, with 3rd line support provided direct by Smoothwall if required. All our Schools staff attend regular inhouse Smoothwall training to ensure they are kept abreast of changes.

The filtering provides reports and notification alerts for any breaches of the categories mentioned earlier. These are daily reports should there be a breach, and if a suicide breach, then the DLS/SLT will receive an instant notification, which as a team we also try to notify the school to bring their attention to the alert.

Physical logs for devices that are not able to log into a user account to identify the user are advised to be used by Staff/School to monitor access dates and times. Devices with the correct proxy applied will be filtered according to either Key stage or Staff or network administrators. Devices not using a proxy will be filtered as "Transparent" devices, these devices are placed under the highest restriction of filtering due to the fact that we cannot identify who is using the device. The limitations of this is that some content that needs to be accessed could be blocked due to the higher restrictions.'

At Swinemoor Primary School we will take the following steps to manage this:

- ☐ Ensure the Local Authority filtering and monitoring system (Smoothwall) is up-to-date and effective. Seek support from the Local Authority when required.
- ☐ Ensure a responsible, nominated member of staff receives notifications of any 'flags' highlighted by the filtering and monitoring system. These are monitored daily and actions taken as a result. At Swinemoor Primary School this person is George McGowan.

- Ensure a responsible, appropriately trained member of SLT is named as the Designated Safeguarding Lead. At Swinemoor Primary School this person is Abi Rodgers. The Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead is Jane Sharp.
- Once per week G McGowan will provide the SLT with a folder of emails highlighting potential breaches from a particular day of the week. SLT will review these and where necessary seek clarification on action taken following the breach. Each week a different day will be scrutinised in order to ensure the full range of curriculum subjects across the week are being monitored. These actions will be minuted in the SLT meeting minutes/actions on Basecamp.
- During recent Safeguarding Training, Abi Rodgers, requested that filtering and monitoring be captured on the termly Safeguarding Report to Governors. This is still awaiting action from the Safeguarding Team.