



Meeting digital technology standards in schools

Task/responsibility	Notes
You should identify and assign roles and responsibilities	s to manage your filtering and monitoring systems
Responsibility: SLT	SLT and Computing lead to ensure standards are met
Task: Identify and assign a member of the SLT to be	through monitoring.
responsible for ensuring that the standards are met	Governors to monitor through safeguarding monitoring
	visits.
Responsibility: Gov	Safeguarding Governor monitor at safeguarding
Task: Identify and assign a governor to be responsible	monitoring visits.
for ensuring that the standards are met	
Responsibility: SLT	SLT/ Computing lead/IT technician ensure training
Task: Identify and assign the roles and responsibilities	provided for all staff
of staff and third parties (incl. external service	Whole staff safeguarding training – KCSIE updates
providers)	shared.
	External providers including online are monitored by
	SLT/ Computing lead/IT technician
	Governors to monitor through safeguarding monitoring
	visits.
Responsibility: SLT	Through monitoring systems prompt changes take place
Task: Is it possible to make "prompt" changes to	Governors to monitor through safeguarding monitoring
provision?	visits.
Responsibility: SLT with support from DSL and ITSP	Use of smoothwall in place - All staff monitor devices
Task: Procuring filtering and monitoring systems	used by children. Record on sheet if blocked site. DSL
	can cross reference if notified.
Responsibility: SLT	
Task: Document decisions about what is blocked or	
allowed and why	
Responsibility: SLT	Records kept of any breaches reported. All staff monitor
Task: Review the effectiveness of your provision (and	devices used by children. Record on sheet if blocked
provide evidence)	site. DSL/DDSL can cross reference if notified. These
	come through daily - 3 reports so far for term 1.
Responsibility: SLT	DSL and DDSL oversee reports.

Responsibility: SLTWhole school Safeguarding training 4.9.23.Task: All staff have received appropriate and up to date training and understand their roleAcceptable use of ICT agreement signed by staff and volunteers annually Online, mobile phone policies all read (sept 2023) - part of inductionResponsibility: SLTThis is in place and DSL reinforces these messages and monitors around school.Task: All staff follow policies and procedures and processes around online safety and filtering and monitoringMelsages and monitors around school.Responsibility: SLTAll staff have training and aware who to talk to regarding any concerns.Responsibility: DSLDSL/DDSL - monitor daily emails and updates check newsletters from ESCC for updatesTask: Oversee and act on filtering and monitoring reportsAll staff have MyConcern logins Monitored and added to MyConcernResponsibility: DSLDSL - monitors daily email updatesTask: Oversee and act on checks to monitoring systemsDSL - monitors daily email updatesTask: Oversee and act on checks to monitoring systemsDSL - monitors daily email updates	Task: Oversee reports	
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Task: Maintain filtering and monitoring systems ESCC as a paid-for service	Task: Maintain filtering and monitoring systems	ESCC as a paid-for service
Responsibility: ITSP These are automatically emailed daily to the DSL	Responsibility: ITSP	These are automatically emailed daily to the DSL
Task: Provide filtering and monitoring reports	Task: Provide filtering and monitoring reports	
Responsibility: ITSP Investigations to determine further details are carried	Responsibility: ITSP	Investigations to determine further details are carried
Task: Complete actions following concerns or checks toout at the request of SLT	Task: Complete actions following concerns or checks to	out at the request of SLT
systems	systems	

Task/responsibility	<u>Notes</u>
You should review your filtering and monitoring provision	on at least annually
Responsibility: Joint	Review to be carried out January 2024
Task : Carry out reviews of the filtering and monitoring provision at least annually	
Responsibility: Joint	Checks to be carried out following the review in
Task : Carry out checks which are informed by the	January 2024

review to ensure systems are working	
Responsibility: Joint	DSL and SENCO jointly review
	Vulnerable list created in Sept 2023 – reviewed as and
Task: Understand the risk profile of pupils – incl. those	when needed.
in vulnerable groups, age, SEND, EAL	
Responsibility: Joint	See SWGFL test 19.10.23
Tack: What does the filtering system block (allow and	
Task : What does the filtering system block/allow and why?	
Responsibility: Joint	Ensure that this is relevant to your school or setting
Task: Are there any outside safeguarding influences	
that should be considered (e.g. county lines) Responsibility: Joint	Cofoguarding Audit
Responsibility: Joint	Safeguarding Audit
Task : Are there any relevant safeguarding reports that	
could/should impact on filtering and monitoring?	
Responsibility: Joint	Computing lead to carry out pupil voice
Task: How digitally resilient are pupils?	
Responsibility: Joint	
Task: What does the RHSE and PSHE curriculum cover	
and how might this impact on filtering?	
Responsibility: Joint	No own devices are allowed to be used on site.
	See mobile phone policy
Task: How are devices used within school? (e.g. BYOD)	
Responsibility: Joint	Online safety
	Data protection
Task : What related safeguarding and technology policies are in place?	Child protection and safeguarding policy and
policies are in place:	procedure
	Acceptable use of ICT
Responsibility: Joint	Smoothwall – notifications daily
Task : What checks are in place – how are resulting	Smoothwall Sheet by all devices to inform of blocked
actions handled?	sites
	Devices never to be used without adult supervision
<i>Checks should be undertaken from a safeguarding and an IT perspective</i>	
Responsibility: Joint	Smoothwall – notifications daily
Task : How often are checks carried out, what is	Each term to carry out checks –
checked?	Governors to check annually
Filtering should be tested – log what is done and the	

results that are obtained – make changes as a result.	
Different devices should be used when carrying out	
checks in order to get a good overview of what is or is	
not accessible.	
Responsibility: Joint	Smoothwall – notifications daily
Task: How does monitoring work?	Smoothwall Sheet by all devices to inform of blocked
How often are reports received – are these in real time –	sites
what thresholds are in place – are these fit for purpose?	
Responsibility: Joint	Yes – by IT technician
Task: Does filtering and monitoring work on new	
devices? Is this checked before they are given to	
staff/pupils?	
Responsibility: Joint	Reviewed and modified by SLT/DSL/IT technician/
Task: Review blocklists and modify in line with any	Computing lead
changes to safeguarding risks	
Responsibility: Joint	Check – 19.10.23
Task: Check your system using the SWGfL testing tool to	
see that it is blocking access to illegal child sexual abuse	SWGFL test
material, unlawful terrorist content, adult content	19.10.23.pdf
	Updated check 26.2.24
	SWGfL Test Filtering -
	26.2.24.html

Task/responsibility	Notes
Your filtering system should block harmful and inappropriate content, without unreasonably impacting	
teaching and learning	
Responsibility: DSL and ITSP	Yes
Task: Is your filtering provider a member of the IWF?	
Responsibility: DSL and ITSP	Yes
Task: Does your filtering provider use the IWF list?	
Responsibility: DSL and ITSP	Yes
Task: Does your filtering provider use the CTIRU list?	
Responsibility: DSL and ITSP	Yes

Task: Are you blocking access to adult content?	
Responsibility: DSL and ITSP	Although there are different levels of filtering for staff
Task: Is filtering applied to all accounts including guest	& pupils (e.g. staff can access YouTube whereas pupils
accounts? (Staff, pupils)	cannot), there is no way for the filter to be bypassed.
Responsibility: DSL and ITSP	Filtering is not applied to any devices - it's the
Task: Is filtering applied to all school owned devices?	connection that's filtered so all Internet access via the
	schools broadband will be filtered irrespective the
	device.
Responsibility: DSL and ITSP	As above, all devices that connect via the school's
Task: Is filtering applied to any device which connects	broadband will have filtering applied.
to the school broadband connection?	
Responsibility: DSL and ITSP	There is only one Internet feed to be filtered.
Task: Do you filter all internet feeds including any	
backup connection?	
Responsibility: DSL and ITSP	No, it's the same for all pupils. The setting is referred
Task: Is filtering differentiated by age and ability of	to as KS1+KS2 to differentiate it from staff access.
pupils?	
Responsibility: DSL and ITSP	Yes, the filtering is comprehensive and can even filter
Task: Can filtering handle multilingual content, images,	a Google image search, which is technically
misspellings, abbreviations?	challenging as it's encrypted from a monitoring point
	of view.
Responsibility: DSL and ITSP	These types of services are blocked by default.
Task: Can filtering identify VPNs and proxy services and	
then block them?	
Responsibility: DSL and ITSP	Yes the daily smoothwall report shows attempted
Task: Can filtering system provide alerts when access to	access to blocked content.
content has been blocked?	
Responsibility: DSL and ITSP	Yes as the filtering is done on the feed rather than the
Task: Does filtering work on mobile devices? Is there	device.
evidence, have you checked?	
Responsibility: DSL and ITSP	Only school-approved apps can be installed on school
Task: Does filtering work on app content? Is there	devices and these are generally specific curriculum
evidence, have you checked?	platforms e.g. Purple Mash.
Responsibility: DSL and ITSP	Yes, although the individual user can only be identified
Task: Will the filtering system identify the IP address,	on school-owned Windows computers.

device name and ID and where possible the individual	
who has attempted to access unsuitable or illegal	
content?	

Task/responsibility	<u>Notes</u>
Your filtering system should block harmful and inapprop	riate content, without unreasonably impacting teaching
and learning	
Responsibility: ITSP	Yes the daily smoothwall report provides evidence
Task: Are monitoring systems working as expected?	that they are
Responsibility: ITSP	Yes - more detailed smoothwall logs are available
Task: Are reports on pupil device activity available?	from ESCC
Responsibility: ITSP	
Task: Are IT staff given safeguarding training including	
online safety training?	
Responsibility: ITSP	
Task: Are IT staff reporting any issues (safeguarding	
concerns to the DSL)?	
Responsibility: All staff	Yes My concern in place and being actively used.
Task: Are the wider staff body reporting safeguarding	
concerns to the DSL	
Responsibility: All staff	Ensure all staff are aware of filtering and monitoring
Task: Are the wider staff body providing effective	responsibilities. Any devices should be used under
supervision of pupils?	constant provision of staff and in sight reminder
	about Library.
Responsibility: All staff	All staff to ensure they are having open
Task: Are the wider staff body taking steps to maintain	conversations with pupils about online safety and the
awareness of how devices are being used by pupils?	latest trends and fads. Maintain monitoring and
	report any concerns. Ensure pupils are using
	appropriately.

Key:

Gov Governor with designated responsibility for online safety/safeguarding

DSL Designated safeguarding lead

- SLT Member of the senior leadership/senior management team
- ITSP IT service provider (this may be a staff technician or an external service provider)

JOINT This group should comprise the responsible governor, a member of SLT, the DSL and the IT service provider.

All staff All members of staff who are working with pupils in any capacity.