

Monitoring and Filtering at RLT schools

Our school monitors the use of school IT systems whether they are used in school or at home. Alerts of inappropriate searches or online activity will be identified by Securly and the DSL will be notified; they will then decide on an appropriate course of action. In addition they can login to Securly at <https://www.securly.com/app/login> and view historical online activity.

Inappropriate or harmful online behaviour includes reference to weapons, sexualised language, extremism and self harm. Monitoring also extends to student emails and documents which can be viewed in the “Aware” sections of Securly.

As well as the DSL (who has oversight of this) additional users have delegated monitoring rights to specific groups of students. At our school, Year Leaders/Pastoral teams are given access to the online activity of their year groups.

Regular meetings with the IT team will take place to identify any trends or concerns in order that this can be addressed in other areas of the school curriculum.

DSLs can meet with the relevant IT Support teams to modify filtering policy and membership of safeguarding groups on Securly. In addition, Central RLT IT support can create additional policies, produce scheduled reports on individuals or groups and edit notification settings and system sensitivity upon request.

If any inappropriate harmful behaviour is identified out of school hours whilst children are using school devices under the supervision of their parents and carers, the DSL will respond to any concerns on the next school day.

In order to assist parents and carers to protect their children from online harm, they are informed of what they are being asked to research as part of their learning and who they are being asked to talk to online.

There is no filtering or monitoring available for students accessing the internet via their 4G or gaming devices and parents and carers are given advice on how to set up parental controls to keep their children safe. Please also refer to our mobile phone policy.

School staff will receive training on Online Safety including filtering and monitoring as part of their Continuing Professional Development and through regular safeguarding briefings.

Governors will be updated on any issues via the Governor safeguarding Update presented by the Safeguarding Governor.

Optional

We give Parents and Carers access to the **Securly Guardians app** which allows them to monitor and control devices that are Trust managed offsite.