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At Chellaston Infant School, we believe that everyone should reach their full potential in a safe, fun and happy environment which promotes independence, self-worth and excellence. Everyone is a learner whose values are respected.

APPROPRIATE MONITORING AND FILTERING PROCEDURES

Date	Change made where?	Change description	Approved by Governors	Next review
13/08/2020	Section1	Added link to Safeguarding and Child Protection policy	November 2020	Autumn 1 2021
06.10.21	Section 1	Link to KCSIE 2021 added	October 2021	Autumn 1 2022

Government Guidance

Schools (and registered childcare providers) 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, it expects that they *"assess the risk of [their] children being drawn into terrorism, including support for extremist ideas that are part of terrorist ideology"*.

The Department for Education published the revised statutory guidance 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' (September 2016) for schools and colleges in England.
Amongst the revisions, schools are obligated to "*ensure appropriate filters and appropriate monitoring systems are in place. Children should not be able to access harmful or inappropriate material from the school or colleges 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."*

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https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1021914/KCSIE_2021_September_guidance.pdf

The aim of this document is to clarify the approach of Chellaston Infant School to ensure that there is appropriate monitoring and filtering to ensure that all pupils are safe online.

2. Physical Monitoring

At Chellaston Infant School, all pupils are directly supervised whilst using information technology. Teaching staff and Teaching Assistants monitor screen activity on laptops and iPads during any Computing sessions. Therefore the risk is assessed as "Low" and the physical monitoring is judged to be appropriate.

The school policy "Acceptable Use of IT" directs all pupils to raise any concerns about the content accessed on the internet immediately with the member of staff. This issue can then be developed as a teaching opportunity to reinforce E-Safety.

3. Internet and Web Access

The school's internet filtering is provided by Smoothwall.

This is a system that is fully compliant with the recognised requirements for a school's web filtering service. The system records all urls visited, and filtering levels are decided upon based on the type of user – e.g. staff or student login.

All sites are categorised in real-time by analysing the content, context and construction of each page. In addition, web filtering policies are based on user group, content category, location IP and time.

While we recognise that no monitoring system can be 100% effective, Chellaston Infant School is satisfied that our current monitoring system covers all the relevant content in line with the IWF (Internet Watch Foundation) and current Government guidelines:

Content	Explanatory notes – Content or communications that
Illegal	Is illegal (eg. Child abuse images and terrorist content)
Bullying	Involve the repeated use of force, threat or coercion to abuse, intimidate or aggressively dominate others
Child Sexual Exploitation	Is encouraging the child into a coercive/manipulative sexual relationship. This may include encouragement to meet.
Discrimination	Promotes the unjust or prejudicial treatment of people on the grounds of race, religion, age, sex, disability or gender identity.
Drugs / Substance abuse	displays or promotes the illegal use of drugs or substances
Extremism	promotes terrorism and terrorist ideologies, violence or intolerance
Malware/Hacking	promotes the compromising of systems including anonymous browsing and other filter bypass tools as well as sites hosting malicious content
Piracy and Copyright Theft	includes illegal provision of copyrighted material
Pornography	displays sexual acts or explicit images
Self-Harm	promotes or displays deliberate self harm
Suicide	Suggest the user is considering suicide
Violence	Displays or promotes the use of physical force intended to hurt or kill

The categories filtered are:

Legal & Liability Issues
Adult Themes
File Types
Finance
Information and Reference
IT & Technical
Lifestyle
Malware and Hacking

Medical
Multimedia
Social Media

The categories not blocked are:

Business and Corporate
Entertainment
File and Image Hosting
Search Engines
Web Infrastructure

4. Active/Proactive Technology

Due to the direct supervision of all internet access for pupils at Chellaston Infant School, we judge the risk to be "Low" and well-managed, so the deployment of a technological Active/Proactive Technology is not deemed to be appropriate at this time. However, as an extra layer of protection filtering logs will be checked periodically to monitor any issues that need to be addressed.

All pupil iPads can only access apps that have been approved and installed by the admin and ICT Team. Therefore, any pop-ups in apps are all filtered in this way.

5. Monitoring Strategy (EXA Education and SurfProtect)

Please see the attached document: "Keeping children safe in education: Online safety and SurfProtect". The following points clarify the approach of Chellaston Infant School in line with the document:

a) **Filtering Content**
Chellaston Infant School is covered via Smoothwall to prevent access and block the content as outlined in Paragraph 3 above.

b) **Prevent Duty**
Chellaston Infant School use the "Umbrella Behaviour" to block all sites which contain radical content or extremist vocabulary.

c) **Reporting Content**
The school "Acceptable Use of IT" policy instructs all pupils to report any unsuitable content to the member of staff immediately. Pupils at Chellaston Infant School only access the internet with direct staff supervision.

d) **Age-Appropriate Filtering**
Chellaston Infant School employ the same filtering policy to all pupils in all year groups. We judge this to be appropriate and this allows access to research all the curriculum as outline in the school planning. Filters for teaching staff are different to allow access to useful sites for teaching and demonstrating.

e) **Staff personal devices Filtering**

Staff are permitted to bring personal mobile devices onto the school premises, in line with the school "Staff and Governor Code of Conduct".

f) Flexible Filtering
Chellaston Infant School employ a highly trained and experienced IT technical consultant who reviews the filtering procedures on a regular basis and reports any issues directly to the Designated Safeguarding Lead and Headteacher on a regular basis.

g) Search Term Filtering
KidRex is our 'child-friendly' search engine.

6. Other

Monitoring and Filtering is only a tool and we need to ensure that Online Safety is taught as part of the curriculum to keep all children safe.

The IT Technician will monitor the frequency of any filtering activity on the school system, by reviewing the logs and reporting to the Headteacher on a regular basis.

All teaching staff must report any issues with filtering directly to the ICT leader on the same day.

Multiple language support is included in Smoothwall filtering.