Filtering and Monitoring

Filtering and Monitoring is in relation to the process and systems in place here at school that work to keep our children safe when they are online. At all times, children should be safe using the internet, only being able to access websites and searches that are appropriate and child friendly. We have secure systems in place to ensure that any harmful, inappropriate and unsafe websites and searches are blocked and flagged to the school to take action.

Roles linked to Filtering and Monitoring:

Computing and Online Safety Lead: Georgina Dance
DSL Responsible for Filtering and Monitoring: Luke Varney
Link Governor responsible for Filtering and Monitoring:

When considering online safety, we refer to the main areas of concern (the 4 Cs):

Contact	Conduct	Content	Commerce
Being exposed to illegal, inappropriate, or harmful content, for example: Pornography, fake news, racism, misogyny, self-harm, suicide, antisemitism, radicalisation, and extremism.	Being subjected to harmful online interaction with other users; for example: peer to peer pressure, commercial advertising and adults posing as children or young adults with the intention to groom or exploit them for sexual, criminal, financial or other purposes.	Online behaviour that increases the likelihood of, or causes, harm; for example, making, sending and receiving explicit images e.g. consensual and non-consensual sharing of nudes and semi-nudes and/ or pornography, sharing other explicit images and online bullying.	Risks such as online gambling, inappropriate advertising, phishing and or financial scams.

Risk of children agreeing to terms or contracts they don't agree with or understand. These may include signing up to receive inappropriate marketing messages, inadvertently purchasing something, or providing access to personal data. |
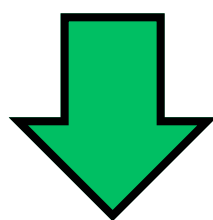
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Systems and Processes

St Paul's Primary School use RM Safety Net to support filtering and monitoring. Our broadband provider is via Herts for Learning.

We have two filtering and monitoring policies in place; Web Factor 1 and Web Factor 3.
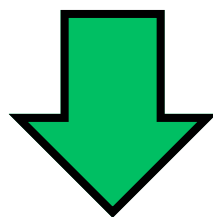
DSL to check daily, using RM Safety Net, searches made and websites / searches that have been blocked.
ANY CONCERN TO BE LOGGED IMMEDIATELY WITH HFL SERVICES AND DSL TO FOLLOW CHILD PROTECTION POLICY.

2 x per half term, DSL will run filtering and monitoring check using website provided by HFL. These checks will be recorded, stating when the check was made, what check was made and whether this was via a staff or child login, concerns arising from the check and actions and next steps.
Any other checks that DSL want conducted need to be confirmed with HFL services first.

DSL / Link Governor will review systems and process in place for filtering and monitoring annually.

Safeguarding, including online safety, is everyone's responsibility. Staff have a duty of care to report a breach in online safety.