MONITORING AND FILTERING POLICY 2017

Statutory safeguarding guidance from the Department for Education (DFE) on p17 that *'It is essential that children are safe guarded from potentially harmful and inappropriate online material. As such governing bodies and proprietors should ensure appropriate filters and appropriate monitoring systems are in place.*
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Wimboldsley Primary School ensures that filtering providers / systems, are able to block illegal online content. In particular:

- Use the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF www.iwf.org.uk) to report and block access to illegal child abuse images and content
- Integrate the police-assessed list of unlawful terrorist content, produced on behalf of the Home Office

Our filtering systems manage inappropriate online content, including web searches. It sets out categories of inappropriate content, with explanatory notes for each one.

Categories include:

- Discrimination
- Extremism
- Drugs and substance abuse

Our filtering system provider avoids 'over-blocking' access to limit unreasonable restrictions.

Despite careful design, filtering systems cannot be completely effective due to the speed of change of web content. Levels of access and supervision will vary according to the pupil's age and experience. Internet access must be appropriate for all members of the school community from the youngest pupil to staff.

- *A log of all staff with access to the Internet will be kept and reviewed yearly and amended for new members of staff coming to the school by the Computing co ordinator, Mrs Davies. The usage will follow the guidelines set out in the school's Acceptable Use policy.*

- *The Computing coordinator, Ms Burns will oversee the ICT support Technician (CWAC) reviewing the popular permitted and banned sites accessed by the school at least termly.*

- *The school will work in partnership with parents, Cheshire West and Chester Council, the UK Safer Internet Centre and the DFE to ensure systems to protect pupils are reviewed and improved.*

- *If staff or pupils discover unsuitable sites, the URL (web address) and content must be reported to the Internet Service Provider by the Computing coordinator (Cheshire Shared Services provider)*

- *Website logs will be sampled at least every half term and monitored by the computing coordinator and reported the Headteacher / Safeguarding Lead.*

- *The Senior Leadership Team will ensure that regular checks are made to ensure that the filtering methods selected are appropriate, effective and reasonable.*

- *Any material that the school believes is illegal or may place an individual at risk must be referred to the appropriate authorities i.e. Head teacher, Police, Internet Watch Foundation (www.iwf.org.uk)*

Pupil's usage of Computers and ipads:

- All pupils have an individual logins for iPads / laptops

- Physical monitoring – pupils are supervised while using ICT equipment, by having staff check their screens regularly

- Monitoring internet and web access – The SLT/Team Leaders review a selection of the logs of pupils' website access and search term usage / internet history each half term. Any inappropriate usage by a child will be reported on the school's CPOMS (Child Protection On line Management System) alerting the Headteacher. This will then be investigated immediately by the SLT.

- The 'School's Web Filtering Service' provided by Cheshire Shared Services blocks access to content deemed unsuitable in the primary default category.

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