



## **FUTURE DIGITAL SOLUTIONS POLICY CENTRAL ENTERPRISE AND RM SAFETY NET PLUS SAFEGUARDING WORKING DOCUMENT**

This policy links directly with Safeguarding, E-Safety and ICT security policies. Policy Central Enterprise (PCE) and RM Safety Net Plus (RMSNP) is the software used in school to safeguard children while using the internet on PC's, laptops and I PADS.

PCE and RMSNP is the safeguarding tool which protects pupils from cyber bullying, online grooming, explicit images and harmful websites, amongst other threats. It monitors inappropriate activity across the school network, on laptops, PC's and IPads. It alerts the school to anything that suggests that a child may be at risk or breaching the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP). A screen capture is taken of every incident, showing what was displayed at the time, who was involved and when the incident took place.

### **Responsibilities**

Governors are responsible for the approval of the PCE and RMSP Safeguarding Policy and for reviewing the effectiveness of the policy. This will be carried out by the Governors receiving regular information about incidents and monitoring reports. A member of the Governing Body will take the role of E-Safety Governor.

### **E-Safety Governor (Helen Keyworth-Edwards)**

The role will include:

- regular meetings with the E-Safety Co-ordinator
- monitoring of e-safety incidents logs
- reporting back to Governors meetings

### **How PCE Works**

Every time a user logs onto a computer, the schools Acceptable Use Policy is displayed and the user then reads and clicks on this to 'accept' it. This not only reminds children and staff of the boundaries appropriate in school, but educates them about the use of technologies. PCE then monitors anything inappropriate, either typed or appearing on screen. Both on and offline material is monitored and it recognises inappropriate or concerning words or phrases pupils and staff use, even text and slang speak. It covers all internet activity, such as emails, Facebook, Twitter, MSN, Bebo, MySpace and chat rooms and covers applications and software, such as Word and PowerPoint – even if the content is not saved or deleted. PCE will alert the ICT Co-ordinator if a child or member of staff visits a harmful website, makes a bullying comment, uses language which could indicate that he or she is being groomed or uploads inappropriate material to our school network. If it finds something of concern, it takes a screen shot and stores it for ICT Co-ordinator to review. This allows the ICT Co-ordinator to identify the children involved, assess whether the situation is serious and decide what action is to be

taken in line with the schools policies. With PCE in place the school can be confident that children are using ICT safely and appropriately at school and be made aware of any offline vulnerabilities which manifest on the network: what we see and hear in the playground, can now be seen online.

### **How RM Safety Net Plus works**

RM Safety Net Plus helps schools find the balance between allowing access to the valuable web content and resources available and protecting your whole school community from unsuitable material. Ideal for today's digital environment, it provides safe and secure access to the internet without over-blocking.

RM Safety Net Plus is the web filtering system used in school to filter websites and images from search engines. There is an extensive list of unacceptable words, phrases, links and pictures that RM and Entrust keep a log of and update the system regularly. The ICT Co-ordinator / System Administrator can also add to this list to develop a filtered/blocking system that could otherwise allow the children access to unsuitable or illegal material, hence working to keep the children safe on the internet.

### **SSL interception for Google**

RM Safety Net's SSL filtering intercepts and inspects all Google search results even after they move to SSL encryption in June 2015. This feature is not available in most other cloud based filtering solutions, which means that without it our school will run the risk of inappropriate search results, including images, being displayed to your school community.

With the nature of IT being ever changing, so will this document. This will be a working document that will be edited at every point of change.