

Thomas Coram Centre and Nursery School

Filtering and Monitoring Standards

Thomas Coram Centre and
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Aims

- Identify and assign roles and responsibilities to manage filtering and monitoring systems
- Block harmful and inappropriate content without unreasonably impacting teaching and learning
- Have effective monitoring strategies in place that meet your safeguarding needs
- Review filtering and monitoring provision at least annually

Day-to-Day Management- DSL and IT Service Provider

Filtering and monitoring is a key part of Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) 2023.

In order to ensure our school's filtering and monitoring systems are effective, the DSL (Perina Holness) and our IT service provider (LGFL/ Camden SITSS) work together to:

- Procure systems
- Identify risk
- Carry out reviews
- Carry out checks

The DSL is responsible for overseeing and acting on:

- Filtering and monitoring reports
- Safeguarding concerns
- Checks to filtering and monitoring systems

Camden SITSS and LGFL are responsible for the technical things such as:

- Maintaining the filtering and monitoring system
- Providing filtering and monitoring reports
- Checking the system or completing actions following any concerns

The senior leadership team is responsible for:

- Buying-in the filtering and monitoring system your school uses
- Documenting what is blocked or allowed, and why
- Reviewing the effectiveness of your provision, making sure that incidents are urgently picked up, acted on and outcomes are recorded
- Overseeing reports
- Making sure staff:
 - Understand their role
 - Are trained appropriately

- Follow policies, processes and procedures
- Act on reports and concerns

All staff should be clear on:

- The expectations, applicable roles and responsibilities in relation to filtering and monitoring as part of their safeguarding training.
- How to report safeguarding and technical concerns, such as if:
 - They witness or suspect unsuitable material has been accessed
 - They are able to access unsuitable material
 - They are teaching topics that could create unusual activity on the filtering logs
 - There is a failure in the software or an abuse of the system
 - There are perceived unreasonable restrictions that affect teaching and learning or administrative tasks
 - They notice abbreviations or misspellings that allow access to restricted material

Monitoring Strategy

- Staff physically monitoring by watching users' screens
- Report any safeguarding concerns to the DSL
- Individual device monitoring through software or third-party services

The DSL will take lead responsibility for any safeguarding and child protection matters picked up through monitoring.

The governing body has overall strategic responsibility for filtering and monitoring.

The provider for Thomas Coram Centre is The London Grid for Learning (LGfL) which provides filtered and fortified broadband for schools, LGfL provides intelligent web-filtering technology which enables administrators and management to protect pupils from objectionable content whilst monitoring and regulating internet usage throughout the schools. WebScreen is a flexible, safe web filter designed specifically for schools. Based on the industry-standard Netsweeper engine, which is constantly scanning the internet to categorise and identify harm in new and old websites, WebScreen streamlines a complex task: keeping children safe online. To help meet the DfE Standards on filtering, LGfL are moving all schools from WebScreen to our improved web filtering, SchoolProtect.