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Internet Safety Statement

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Filtering system provider

The internet filtering system at West Craven is provided by a 3rd party - Lancashire Education Digital Services (LEDS). The software that they use is called Netsweeper" <https://www.netsweeper.co.uk/> . Some of the companies they work with include the Safer Internet Centre. <https://saferinternet.org.uk/about>.

The system is a content filtering solution that allows West Craven to monitor, block and report harmful content across multiple devices.

Netsweeper protects against the following threats:

- Online bullying
- Radicalisation and terrorist organisations
- Child sexual exploitation
- Drug abuse
- Self-harm content
- Fake news

Summary of Features

Filters out harmful content and meets online safety compliance

- The platform monitors billions of URLs, providing real-time updates in over 50 languages to education-based categories that include self-harm, online bullying and more.
- The content is blocked to ensure that students are protected and that Ofsted compliance and Prevent Duty legalisation is met.
- The filtering solution includes the ability to vary filtering strength appropriate to age and role, e.g. teachers and students are frequently configured to use a different filter.
- The solution is integrated into the School's Active Directory and has the ability to identify users by their network username.
- Filtering is applied at 'network level' and is not reliant on any software on user devices.
- The software facilitates clear historical information on the websites visited by users.

Reporting capabilities

The ITL department and designated safeguarding lead have access to in-depth reporting tools that drill down into graphic content categories and allow for monitoring and rapid response.

SSL Decryption

The platform has the ability to monitor and decrypt suspicious HTTPS sites, ensuring that protection is consistent across the web and that overall performance isn't affected.