



Ensuring safe online behaviour: How Securus Education protects your children at school

What is Securus Education?

Securus Education is a software system which helps us to ensure that our computer network is being used safely. It is used by over 3,200 schools in the UK and many more internationally.

Securus is also acts as an educational tool, helping children to recognise unsafe situations and encouraging them to use new technologies responsibly.

How does it work?

Securus alerts staff to any words or images on our network that would lead us to believe that our very high standards of safeguarding, reflected in our Acceptable Use Policy, might be being jeopardised. This applies across our whole network, including laptops and other devices and is effective both online and offline across all programmes used by the school. Incidents flagged by Securus would include any evidence of bullying, inappropriate language, explicit images, sexual exploitation, indicators of emotional distress, radicalisation and extremism, searches for harmful websites and so on.

A screen 'capture' is taken of every incident, showing what was displayed at the time, who was involved and when the incident took place. These captures enable staff to respond to potentially serious or disruptive situations with confidence.

The immediacy of this system can help prevent issues from spiralling into something more serious.

About Securus

Securus is a member of the UK Council for Child Internet Safety (UKCCIS) and is a member of the Internet Watch Foundation.

It is staffed by child protection consultants, including former police officers. Further information can be found at www.securus-software.com.

The system supports key online safety and cyberbullying recommendations made by the Department for Education and Ofsted.