



Filtering and Blocking Procedure

Online Safety Leads:

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Network Manager:

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Rationale

At Birchington CEP School our filtering rationale is safeguarding driven.

We block the full list of categories on RM™ Safety Net across our entire site and in addition block any websites that have not been blocked in these categories, but believe they should be.

Our staff have been told to inform the day-to-day Online Safety Lead if they wish to have certain websites unblocked.

Testing our system

The day-to-day Online Safety Lead and Network Manager agreed with the Overall Online Safety Lead/Headteacher at the start of the year, which websites will be tested during the weekly and termly checks they perform.

Any websites that we believe should be blocked, are then added to our own list of blocked websites and RM™ Safety Net are contacted to suggest to them they are blocked.

What is blocked at Birchington CEP School?

These categories on RM™ Safety Net: IWF Child Abuse Images List, Extremist list, Police Illegal content list, Network Abuse, Banned .mp3 download, Banned .exe

download, Web-based mail, Web-based social media, Web-based chat, Mobile phone/SMS/Ringtones, Non-educational games, Pornography and illegal or age restricted, Violence, Intolerance, Drugs and substance use, Proxy bypass and secure search, Active-adapt content, and the School's own blocked list

We record all websites that we have added to our own blocked list when we perform our weekly and termly checks.

We have Google Safe Search locked on for all users and have You Tube Restricted Mode locked as 'moderate' for all users too. Both of these are checked when we perform weekly tests on our filtering system.