WBC ICT Information:

Inappropriate access to information via the internet is clearly a large area of concern for schools, and the September revision of the DfE guidance shows that the issue is large enough to have controls audited by Ofsted.

Below is a small example of the categories of sites we are blocking for you:

· Child Abuse

· Discrimination

· Drug Abuse

· Explicit Violence

· Extremist Groups

· Hacking

· Illegal or Unethical

· Plagiarism

· Pornography

As the local authority's ICT team look after web filtering for your school, we will investigate any web filtering related issues, including:

· Access to website containing inappropriate or potentially harmful material

· Access to websites containing educational or related material deemed appropriate for your school

· Providing web access reports on an annual basis

We also ensure that the service is maintained and is accessible for schools to use.

As we provide the filtering service to schools, we are ensuring that all relevant safeguards and statements of assurance are being completed so that schools taking our service can be assured that the web filtering service provided is meeting the guidelines published thus far.

As part of the ongoing duty of care that the Local Authority has in relation to Schools, we have to ensure that you are taking all necessary precautions to ensure the service you are receiving is appropriate.

The UK Safer Internet Centre have drawn up some provider response checklists which we are working with our supplier to ensure are completed.

The UK Safer Internet Centre provider checklists can be found here:

http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/teachers-and-professionals/appropriate-filtering-and-monitoring/provider-checklists

Our system provider "Fortinet" have submitted responses to both the monitoring and filtering checklists and can be found here:

Filtering response: https://d1afx9quaogywf.cloudfront.net/cdn/farfuture/taYKii-EBnLHUAHxeyRSy_O21MHk6OUmm5ou3BlYqZc/mtime:1479723170/sites/default/files/Filtering/Monitoring/Appropriate-Filtering-for-Education-Settings-Provider-Response-June-2016%20Fortinet.pdf

Monitoring response: https://d1afx9quaogywf.cloudfront.net/cdn/farfuture/OyxpV1x82S7XUkpCjf9knN87CMcvEZ9kXk80y3R-MTw/mtime:1481105315/sites/default/files/Appropriate-Monitoring-for-Schools%20June-2016%20Fortinet.pdf

From the work done with our supplier, **we are confident that the current web filtering service meets and exceeds the Ofsted guidelines**.

The solution is fully resilient and is constantly updated via national feeds from the wider internet community to ensure that as new websites are created they are categorised and sanctioned accordingly.

The Network SLA that your school has signed up to includes several elements of which filtering forms a part. Above the web filtering aspect of the service, WBC ICT also provide the following features which are all currently active for your school:

· **Antivirus**

This prevents viruses which are hosted on websites from automatically infecting your endpoints. This does not however protect you if you actively click on a download link.

· **Application control**

This stops some applications running which utilise peer to peer (file-sharing) features.

· **Intrusion Prevention**

This element actively works to stop hackers from gaining access to your endpoints.

· **Website Certificate Inspection**

This feature checks websites to ensure any certificates they have are valid and up to date, this stops users ending up on some malicious websites or websites that are not being maintained appropriately.