



Welcome to the first Scomis Online Safety Newsletter for the new Academic Year 2016/17

For Schools:

We hope you have all had an enjoyable summer holiday and were able to take advantage of the summer sunshine to re-charge those batteries for the next academic year!

A reminder:

Plans unveiled by Education Secretary Nicky Morgan on 22nd December 2015 indicated that schools would be required to put in place strengthened measures to protect children from harm Online – including cyber bullying, pornography and the risk of radicalisation. Following consultation, the statutory document '**Keeping Children Safe in Education**' effective from September 2016 states:

Filtering and Monitoring (Annex C)

*Governing bodies and proprietors should be doing all that they reasonably can to limit children's exposure to the above risks from the school or colleges IT system. As part of this process governing bodies and proprietors should ensure their school has **appropriate filters and monitoring systems in place.***

Consider these questions:

1. Does your school have appropriate Internet Filtering?
2. What does appropriate Internet Filtering mean for your school?
3. Does your Internet Service Provider's technology system(s) meet the national defined standards?

The following links to The UK Safer Internet Centre provide clear guides for schools:



<http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-and-resources/teachers-and-professionals/appropriate-filtering-and-monitoring>

<http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-and-resources/teachers-and-professionals/appropriate-filtering-and-monitoring/provider-checklist>



Are children in your school protected from **The Deep/Dark Web**?

If your school has a properly managed network environment with a good web filtering solution you will already have some protections in place.

What is the Deep/Dark Web?

Protecting children in your school from the **Dark Web** is not just a filtering issue. The firewall that protects the boundary of a school's network must also be well configured.

Find out more:

<http://www.nen.gov.uk/the-dark-web/>

Ofsted's latest guidance for schools has been published!

The following extract from Ofsted's Definition of Safeguarding (Inspecting Safeguarding in early years, education and skills settings 23/8/16) states:

Safeguarding is not just about protecting children, learners and vulnerable adults from deliberate harm, neglect and failure to act. It relates to broader aspects of care and education, including:

- Online safety and associated issues
- The term 'online safety' reflects a widening range of issues associated with technology and a user's access to content, contact with others and behavioural issues

Document can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/inspecting-safeguarding-in-early-years-education-and-skills-from-september-2015>

Did you know that Microsoft has launched a **Minecraft** site aimed at teachers?

Discover lesson plans and other tips based on Minecraft at:

<http://education.minecraft.net/>



Download a free copy of an e-Safety events calendar for schools at: <http://www.childnet.com/blog/201617-e-safety-calendar-for-schools>

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