



## **Filtering and Monitoring Statement**

Ickford School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all pupils. This includes ensuring that appropriate filtering and monitoring systems are in place to protect children when they access the internet and digital technologies.

In accordance with Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) and the Department for Education's Filtering and Monitoring Standards, the Governing Body ensures that:

- Appropriate filtering and monitoring systems are in place (Fortinet), Google safe search
- These systems are effective, regularly reviewed and proportionate to the school's risk profile.
- Safeguarding leadership oversees the effectiveness of these arrangements (in conjunction with ICT provider)

### **Filtering**

The School uses age-appropriate web filtering systems (Fortinet) which:

- Block access to illegal, harmful or inappropriate content.
- Prevent access to material relating to pornography, extremism, self-harm, suicide, criminal activity, hate speech and violence.
- Apply to all school-owned devices and the school network.
- Are reviewed regularly to ensure they remain effective and appropriate for primary-aged pupils.

### **Monitoring**

The School has monitoring systems in place to identify and respond to safeguarding risks. These systems:

- Identify concerning online searches or behaviours.
- Detect attempts to bypass filtering systems.
- Alert safeguarding staff to potential risks.

Monitoring alerts are reviewed promptly by the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and acted upon in accordance with the School's Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy.

## **Roles and Responsibilities**

- The Governing Body receives regular assurance that filtering and monitoring systems are working effectively.
- All staff have the responsibility for safeguarding and oversight of online safety with the Headteacher being accountable.
- The School works with its IT provider (Wibird) to ensure systems are secure, up to date and fit for purpose.

## **Safeguarding Culture**

Filtering and monitoring are part of a wider safeguarding approach which includes:

- Staff supervision of pupils when using technology.
- A planned online safety curriculum.
- Regular staff safeguarding training.
- Clear reporting procedures for concerns.

While no system can provide absolute protection, Ickford School takes a proactive and proportionate approach to managing online risk and ensuring children are safe.

For further information, please refer to our Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy and Online Safety Policy, available on the School website.