



RM SafetyNet

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RM Response



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In May 2016, the UK Safer Internet Centre issued advice on 'appropriate filtering'. This was based on reforms in the Keeping Children Safe in Education [statutory guidance](#).

The changes outline that by having the appropriate filters and monitoring systems in place, children should not be able to access harmful or inappropriate material from the school or colleges IT system.

The UK Safer Internet Centre have aimed to outline what Education providers should consider to be [appropriate filtering](#).

Here we outline the questions you should be asking your current filtering provider and how our solution RM SafetyNet meets these standards.

## Essential *QUESTIONS...*

### Q: Do you have the ability to block access to illegal child abuse images and content (CAIC)?

A: Yes, this content is part of the [IWF](#) (Internet Watch Foundation) list, which has been implemented as part of the RM block list since 2004 and cannot be de-activated.

### Q: Do you have the ability to provide age appropriate filtering?

A: User-based filtering gives schools greater flexibility and control over Internet filtering.

Filter by individual, year group, after-school club or by tailoring your own user groups. You can also choose to allocate specific times at which websites can be accessed.



### Q: Can we get a rich filtering system that is easy to use regardless of experience and gives us control to permit or deny access to specific content?

A: Yes, RM SafetyNet provides the school administrator full control via a web portal. The administrator portal provides a modern, clean and simple workspace. You will have the ability to create multiple groups of users,

with the relevant rules and time frames. For example, an after school journalism club can be given more access than during the school day.

### Q: Are you able to offer keyword/search term blocking?

A: RM SafetyNet gives schools greater flexibility and control, allowing administrators to block certain words and phrases from being searched.

RM SafetyNet will use SafeSearch to help block inappropriate or explicit images from search results, including but not limited to Google and Bing and cannot be turned off or altered by any user.

URL blocklists are included as standard, incorporating RM's own UK developed definitions along with content from the Internet Watch Foundation database, this is updated on an hourly basis.

### Q: Are you able to integrate the "police assessed list of unlawful terrorist content, produced on behalf of the Home Office?"

A: Yes, this is integrated in the RM SafetyNet blocklist and cannot be de-activated.

### Q: Do you have the ability to publish a rationale that details your approach to filtering with classification and categorisation as well as over blocking?

A: We categorise our filter lists based on customer feedback and software 'scanning' of the Internet for new and updated web pages:

- IWF child abuse images database
- Extremist content
- Active adapt content filtering
- Pornography & illegal or age-restricted activity
- Drugs & substance abuse
- Violence
- Intolerance
- Web-based chat
- Social networking
- Proxy bypass
- Web-based mail
- Non-educational games
- MP3 & .exe files



We publish all of our filtering policies on our website.

### Q: Do you have the ability to block content via mobile and app technologies?

A: For apps that load content from web based cloud services these can typically be permitted or denied using standard filter rules within the SafetyNet administration interface, and we offer guidance on [common URLs to block](#).

For mobile applications that communicate on non-standard web ports these can typically be denied by firewall policy, which can be modified via the standard change request process rather than the RM SafetyNet administration interface.

### Q: Do you have the ability to identify individual users?

A: RM SafetyNet integrates with Active Directory and soon, different MIS' and Google Apps for Education.

### Q: Will we have the ability to apply filtering centrally from our school network?

A: Yes, RM SafetyNet is a network level filter. It allows you to push appropriate filtering out to all of your users that are accessing the Internet via network devices.

### Q: Do you offer a reporting mechanism to report inappropriate websites visited by your users?

A: RM SafetyNet reporting is tailored to school requirements. It provides access to data on user activity as well as trends across the school community. User logs include detail including date, time, username and group, along with the URL's.

- Top search terms across the school
- Top bandwidth users
- Analysis of user activity



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