

Discovery Schools Academies Trust 13 Primary Schools and 2 SEND schools

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Discovery is a well established and high-performing Multi Academy Trust with 13 primary schools and 2 SEND schools across Leicestershire, all working together & collaborating to provide an outstanding education for children to achieve their full potential.

Safeguarding and a commitment to create a safe and secure environment is a priority and robust child protection policies and procedures are in place for each individual school based upon guidance provided at Trust level.

A monitoring solution with the ability to "whitelist" specific safe websites. This was a key requirement for both education purposes and for the use of the CPOMS pastoral incident recording platform. DSLs are required to update pupil records with any online incidents containing words and phrases which trigger a screen capture of concern. With Securus, the software was configured to remove these specific "safe" sites and therefore eliminate the volume of false positive captures.

Key Requirements & Why Securus?

- Non typed content is monitored with Securus OCR technology within all applications & browsers
- Whitelisting functionality is a key requirement
- ALL devices are monitored across all 15 school sites
- Each school within the Trust independently monitors daily activity to act immediately to incidents of concern
- Ability to integrate with CPOMS
- Remote training carried out for all school staff

Securus device-level and network-level monitoring was installed for an initial trial to demonstrate features & functionality over a 3 month period. This was followed by a full Trust-wide roll out across all 15 school sites.

Adam Lapidge acts as the main safeguarding contact. Each school is required to monitor activity independently and any incidents of concern are reported back to Adam, along with school DSLs and safeguarding staff who can take immediate action where a pupil could be at risk from harm.

Having Securus in place is vital to keep both pupils and staff safe across all our schools in the Trust. The ability to configure the software to our specific needs with detailed alerts & reporting provides us with key evidence of any safeguarding concerns that arise. The team are always on hand for any support we require



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