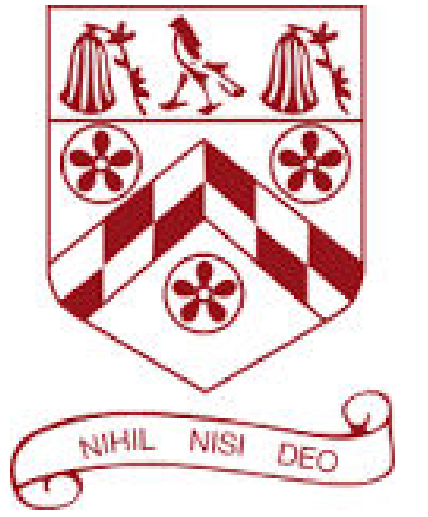




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# Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School, Reading Case Study

Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School is a high performing co-educational secondary with a thriving Sixth Form in Reading, Berkshire. The school is a member of the exclusive 'SSAT Leading Edge' national network of schools offering sector-leading advice and guidance across the education community. The school currently has over 870 pupils from 11 to 18 and has opted for the **Securus Full Monitoring Service (FMS)** to keep their children safe online



**Dr Simon Uttley,  
Headmaster**

Dr Uttley and his team reviewed the online safeguarding needs of the school and decided that a fully managed Monitoring Service was the best option. It allows staff to continue with their busy daily roles safe in the knowledge that they did not need to spend time reviewing the captures for any potential risks taking place as the pupils were being monitored by the external team of Securus Safeguarding Moderators.

The service is now a fully integrated part of daily life at Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School, protecting pupils whilst using the devices on the school network. Incidents are identified and reported back to the school, which positively adds to both the safety of pupils and the speed at which the school can tackle any issues immediately.

“ *As a serving Headteacher with twenty years' experience, I know very well that safeguarding in schools has long been more than stopping bad things from happening. It is actively ensuring the well-being of the whole school community at every level, be it in the classroom, on the sports field or on a trip. Within this overall education mission, information technology is not an additional feature of school life, it is one of the lenses through which we operate, day in and day out. It supports teaching and learning, administration, effective communications and the school's commitment to continuous development.*

*So, when I chose Securus over the other solutions available in the market, I had three reasons: First, the system was sector leading in its dynamic approach to identifying misuse and delivering an easy-to-use, timely and specific report for my safeguarding team. Second, I could opt for the full monitoring service, safe in the knowledge that a team of safeguarding experts were monitoring all school devices. Finally, I wanted blue chip pre-sales and after-sales support, ensuring my team received excellent initial, and ongoing training, complementing, and often exceeding the school's requirements in law. All of this Securus delivers.*

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## How the Securus Full Monitoring Service was implemented

Onboarding the school is very straight forward and can be completed without any disruption to the school IT system and with minimal input for the IT Department. The Securus Client software was provided to the school IT Department as an MSI file which is deployed automatically across all of the devices to be monitored, in this case they were all MS Windows PC's, laptops and tablets.

The Securus cloud console was set up and configured to the schools requirements, the connection between the monitored devices & the console tested and the school designated safeguarding staff were trained. The monitoring service was then ready to go live and the team of Securus safeguarding experts started to monitor and review the online activity on behalf of the school.

Any inappropriate activity captured is reported back to the designated safeguarding lead at the school who can then decide on what action to take. As an additional benefit, Securus are also on hand to offer safeguarding guidance and advice on specific issues identified in order to help the school decide on the right course of action.

## What are the key benefits of having a fully managed service at Blessed Hugh Faringdon?

- Allows school staff to continue with their daily duties thus eliminating the impact on their time
- Ensure the school is compliant with their statutory duty under KCSiE, the Prevent duty & Ofsted inspections
- Provides a cost-effective alternative to the school having to monitor the activity themselves
- The school still has access to the capture data as and when required and can export specific incident information as evidence
- Added support and guidance from safeguarding experts if an incident does occur, ensures that the school has total peace of mind.

## The monitoring process carried out by the Securus Safeguarding Moderators

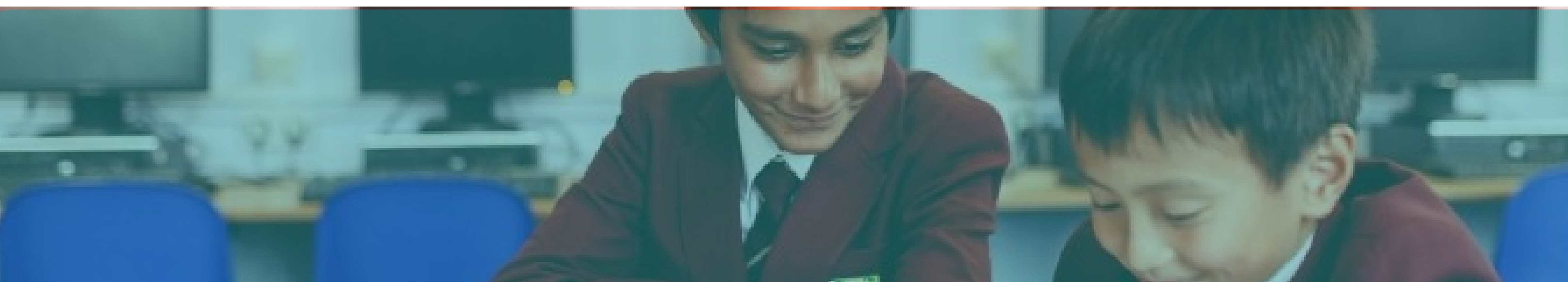
The Full Monitoring Service monitors Securus captures daily, considering the context of captures based on the knowledge and expertise Securus moderators have in capture monitoring and safeguarding within schools.

*The FMS team added "We do not rely on the software to automatically interpret any captures for us, we actively review them and grade them all from False Positive (FP) and also from 1 to 5, with 5 being the most severe.*

*Whenever we view a potential cause for concern, we immediately inform the Headteacher and the nominated safeguarding staff at the school, by email or telephone, for them to deal with incidents appropriately under the school policies and procedures.*

*Monthly Summary Reports are also provided with HUB console access for head teachers, nominated school safeguarding staff and technicians so they can see the information at first hand once we provide an alert. Along with this, there is also the facility to add words and phrases to the standard library if they pose a potential safeguarding risk".*

**Dr Simon Uttley, Headteacher** concluded *"The evidence of impact was overwhelming: a 90% reduction in incident of misuse within the first four weeks, a rapid upskilling of my staff and a parent body assured that safeguarding was no mere compliance exercise, but in our DNA as a school where care, respect and dignity lie at the heart of our ethos. Securus was a game-changer."*



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