Internet filtering and Monitoring Safeguarding Statement (IT Policy Addendum)
Site: The Cavendish School

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Reviewed if filtering system and processes change

This statement acts as an addendum to the Eastern Learning Alliance (ELA) IT policy, it is to clarify arrangements in regards to safeguarding alerts and the filtering of all internet activity for pupils whilst they are using devices connected to the Internet at The Cavendish School or on a device supplied by them.

The Cavendish School will make use of the Lightspeed Filter[1] platform to efficiently filter and log all internet usage by school devices 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days a year. Lightspeed Filter delivers us student safety with a cloud-based, device-level protection that work across all devices, operating systems, and learning environments we deploy.

All log data collected by Lightspeed is made available to School leaders supported by the ELA IT department across all centres. Pupils of concern can be directed through different levels of filtering across all of the devices they may use delivering bespoke individual filtering levels in line with the needs of the individual pupils and the school, supported by ELA IT.

The Cavendish School will also utilise the Lightspeed Alert package, which uses the AI technology to scan the pupils' usage and flag concerning indicators sending alerts to all designated safeguarding staff as well as Lightspeed Safety Specialists. The Alert product aims to prevent suicide, cyberbullying, self-harm, and school violence with real-time monitoring and early-warning alerts.
Lightspeed have cloud integrations and partnerships with Microsoft for Education, Google, and Apple providing secure and continuous monitoring across all apps, files, chat, and even social while students are interacting on the device and online.

Using this technology The Cavendish School and ELA IT will pick up digital concerns and alert the safeguarding team in a timely manner to enable effective safeguarding. ELA IT is made up of experienced school IT staff, who receive annual safeguarding training, any concerns raised by technical staff will be logged with the Designated Safeguarding Lead for The Cavendish School.

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[1] *Lightspeed Filter™ is powered by the most comprehensive database of K-12 online content in the industry from 20 years of web indexing. Patented Lightspeed agents leverage advanced AI to automatically block millions of inappropriate, harmful and unknown sites, images, and video. Lightspeed Filter helps technology teams scale student safety with our cloud-based, device-level protections that work across all devices, operating systems, and learning environments.*
Lightspeed Filter, with our proprietary SmartPlay™ technology makes YouTube a safe and reliable instructional tool. Out of the box, SmartPlay's patented agents and mature database effectively block millions of inappropriate videos, thumbnails, and recommended by YouTube content.