

# Content Filtering – The Smoothwall partnership

Smoothwall from Mainstream Digital is the leading digital safeguarding solutions provider in UK Education. 12,500 schools, colleges and multi-academy trusts depend on our technologies to keep their students safe and their education organisations compliant. An online safety infrastructure that protects staff, students and network.

# What are the positive benefits of Smoothwall

No one knows more about digital safety technology in UK education than Smoothwall. Their solutions are not corporate products with an education slant. They have been engineered from the ground up to keep young people safe.

# **Strength in compliance**

Regulatory requirements are changing frequently. Our solutions exceed the legislative requirements and guidelines set out by the Department for Education, Prevent duty and Keeping Children Safe in Education.

Our purpose is to empower schools, colleges and MATs to digitally safeguard the students in their care.

We're the UK market leader. 1 in 3 schools use Smoothwall solutions to help keep their students safe from online harm.

Our solutions work standalone or can be combined for a world-class package of digital safety.

# **Key features of Smoothwall**

### Filter

Enabling a safer, digital learning environment with real-time, content-aware and granular control filtering.

- Cloud Filter
- Hybrid Filter

### **Firewall**

Complete all-in-one protection package designed with your organisation's security needs in mind.

### **Record Manager**

Easily record child protection issues and safeguarding incidents electronically without the need for traditional daybooks or CP files.

## Monitor

Helping schools proactively detect online risks before they become real-life incidents.

# The Pandemic changed everything

Remote learning is here to stay. The pandemic has accelerated a shift towards remote learning, as well as exposing the challenges this can bring.

Far from being a one-off, there are likely to be frequent occasions when students are required to work remotely in the future, combined with an ever-growing number of school-owned laptops in circulation.

This means filtering solutions need to provide seamless protection both on and off site, as students alternate between remote and classroom learning.

An effective and flexible long-term approach to filtering is needed, and not just a 'quick fix.' Choices need to be made. Getting it wrong could mean wasted time and effort, paying twice for filtering, and 'double filtering' devices, resulting in over-blocking and a less optimal learning experience for pupils.

Mainstream Digital offer a powerful combination of hardware, software and services to underpin the business focussed solutions and services that they offer