



Dear Parent,

We take your daughter's safety on the internet very seriously. To this end, we are writing to bring you up to date with a Software System that we have in use.

Securus Education is a Software System which helps us to ensure that our computer network is being used safely. It is used by over 3,200 schools regionally and many more internationally. It acts as an Educational Tool, helping young people to recognise unsafe situations and encouraging them to use new technologies responsibly.

Securus alerts staff to any words on our network that would lead us to believe that our high standards of safeguarding, reflected in our Acceptable Use Policy, might be being jeopardised. It is effective both online and offline across all programmes used by the school. Incidents flagged by **Securus** would include any evidence of *bullying, inappropriate language, indicators of emotional distress, searches for harmful websites* and so on.

A screen 'capture' is taken of every incident, showing what was displayed at the time, who was involved and when the incident took place. These captures enable staff to respond to potentially serious or disruptive situations with confidence. The immediacy of this system can help prevent issues from spiralling into something more serious.

We are conscious that the world online can be a dangerous place so we want to assure you that we are doing everything we can to ensure your daughter's online experiences are safe.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your continued support in this important area.

Yours faithfully,

Ms. SJ. Fahy
Vice Principal Pastoral Care and Welfare

Securus is a member of the UK Council for Child Internet Safety (UKCCIS) and is a member of the Internet Watch Foundation.