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Our filtering and monitoring and systems explained

Filtering and monitoring of IT systems at school

The monitoring and filtering system set up at **Portway Primary School** is managed by Adept Education and [London Grid for Learning](#).

All external data that is accessed from within the school is filtered by their firewall and filtering system called WebScreen, which is then sub-filtered depending on the age/type of user. This prevents access to any unsuitable content and is based on the industry-standard Netsweeper engine, which is constantly scanning the internet to categorise and identify harm in new and old websites with the ultimate aim of keeping children safe online.

The internal IT teams work in tandem with these organisations to further ensure that these standards are maintained.

Filtering and monitoring of IT systems at home

The information provided above is to assure parents and carers that their children's use of online tools at school is safe.

[Thinkuknow](#) is the education programme from NCA-CEOP, a UK organisation which protects children both online and offline. They have developed some useful [parent helpsheets](#) with advice and links to resources that you can use at home with your children to ensure your child is staying safe while online outside of the school environment.

In addition, many Internet Service Providers (eg. BT, Virgin etc) will offer content filters, which limit the visibility of 18+ content. It is well worth getting in contact with your provider to see what sort of options they have on offer in order to restrict access at home.

Many devices also have a range of settings available for parents to use in order to keep their children safe. *Support can be offered to parents by the IT team, by making an appointment with the school's front office reception.*