

Online Safety Mark Desktop Assessment Feedback



School: Kemball School

Assessment date: December 4th, 2024 Assessor: Ron Richards

Headteacher: Lisa Hughes Contact Person: Kathy Walsh

Thank you for your application and for the supporting documents. It was good to read your review and the application form, both of which provided a clear picture of online safety at the school and how it has developed since your last assessment.

The application form and the review suggest that the school has continued to improve its online safety provision and that the school remains at (and in places, above) Online Safety Mark benchmark levels.

Your review and application form illustrate many positive aspects of your provision, including (but certainly not exclusively):

- The development points raised by the previous Assessor, concerning the management and monitoring if ipads appears to have been addressed. The Jamf system allows monitoring of most ipads and the school has put mitigations in place to deal with the few older ipads that cannot be monitored in this way.
- The online safety programme has developed further and is now more differentiated by the abilities of the students. The school's curriculum has been enhanced by the use of Project Evolve.
- The school's online safety practices revolve around a student-centred approach. The school is proud of the resulting student achievements and the relationship between students and staff.
- Relevant online safety training is provided for staff and governors. Recently this has been enhanced by the Safety Net training, attended by online safety leaders and distributed to the staff and governor bodies.
- Students are consulted on online safety concerns, within the limits of their abilities, and programmes are adapted as relevant, based on student feedback.
- The school clearly learns from and acts on the evidence it gets from surveys, filtering / monitoring logs etc.

In terms of development points I would like to suggest:

- While the review talks of the effectiveness of Governor training, it is not obvious if the lead Governor has received sufficient training in cyber-security and for knowledge of the filtering and monitoring systems – as recently introduced as a requirement in KCSIE and the DfE Technical Standards – this is something the school should consider, if not already in place.
- It is clear that the school has good filtering and monitoring provision in place, but it is not clear if there have been regular checks on the effectiveness of the filtering systems (as identified in KCSIE and the DfE Technical Standards) – this can be done by using the test filtering tool across a range of devices - <https://testfiltering.com/>

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- Given the quality of your provision and the number of times you have put yourselves forward for the Online Safety Mark, it would be good if you could share your expertise more widely to other schools. I note that this is an improvement action in your review to share your good practice across the MAT.
 - You have talked about using Project Evolve, I wonder if you have investigated the use of the Knowledge Maps in Project Evolve – these would help assess the students work and enable you to further target the learning towards student needs.
 - The review indicates that only two aspects have been rated at Level 1. I would not want a school to choose level 1s for the sake of it, but it would indicate a level of maturity and improvement in the provision over time. I would hope that at the next assessment in three years we would see this maturity reflected in the review.

To receive the award you are required to meet the benchmark levels and it appears that the school continues to do so, improving the provision along the way.

In three years time to achieve the award again you would be required to have a full assessment. This would allow the Assessor to have the opportunity to see and to comment on, the many developments that have taken place. Your review suggests that this would be an enjoyable visit.

I am pleased to confirm that the school has been awarded the Online Safety Mark for a further three years.

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Ron Richards