

RMTM SafetyNet

Guide to KCSIE 2026



New standards mean a more proactive approach

It's likely you already have filtering and monitoring for your school's internet connection. But the new standards bring a change of emphasis. Now, you need to manage your filtering and monitoring more proactively, as a strategic part of your digital safeguarding responsibilities. It's no longer enough for software checking internet content and network behaviour to be something you "set and forget".

This quick guide will show you the four key areas for change and how with RM SafetyNet, you can meet the 2026 standards with confidence.

What's changed?



Non-bypassable protection for illegal content

Schools must ensure that filtering systems apply blocklists (such as child sexual abuse material and terrorist content) that cannot be disabled or altered by any user, including administrators.

How RM SafetyNet meets this requirement

RM SafetyNet includes both the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) and Counter Terrorism Policing blocklists as standard. These critical safeguarding lists are permanently enabled and cannot be modified or disabled by either customers or RM.

The latest data is automatically downloaded directly into our filtering platform without any manual intervention, ensuring schools are always protected by the most up-to-date intelligence. This provides peace of mind that essential safeguarding protections are always in place.



Greater emphasis on real-time and contextual filtering

Filtering systems should be capable of analysing content dynamically, including user-generated and AI-generated content, rather than relying solely on URL or category-based filtering.

How RM SafetyNet meets this requirement

RM SafetyNet provides a range of filtering capabilities designed to protect both staff and pupils. One of these is our Active Adapt Content Filter, which analyses web content using an intelligent scoring algorithm. Words and phrases are assessed for their suitability in an educational environment, and access is automatically blocked when the overall content score exceeds a defined threshold.

Looking ahead

We're continuing to enhance our filtering capabilities with additional content analysis technologies, helping schools stay protected against evolving online risks, including AI-generated content.



Improved transparency on technical limitations

Filtering providers should clearly explain how filtering works on encrypted traffic and where technical limitations may affect effectiveness.

How RM SafetyNet meets this requirement

RM SafetyNet's SSL Interception capability enables schools to inspect and filter encrypted HTTPS traffic, helping to prevent access to inappropriate content that would otherwise remain hidden.

To achieve this, encrypted traffic is securely decrypted, analysed against filtering policies, and then re-encrypted before continuing securely to its destination. A trusted security certificate is used throughout this process to maintain secure browsing while allowing effective filtering.

RM's on device filtering solution, SafetyNet Go, does the filtering without using this decryption/re-encryption approach - this eliminates the need for installing decryption certificates onto the device.



Expanded coverage of mobile devices and apps

The updated guidance recognises that pupils increasingly access content through mobile apps and cloud services. Schools should understand what filtering applies within these environments and where limitations may exist.

How RM SafetyNet meets this requirement

RM SafetyNet includes a range of features to help schools manage access across websites, mobile devices and online applications.

Our built-in YouTube Policy allows schools to control access to YouTube with different access modes available for different user groups, helping ensure age-appropriate access for both staff and pupils.

For broader application filtering, we recommend using Explicit/Forward Proxy, Transparent Proxy, or SSL Interception, depending on your school's network configuration. If you're unsure which deployment option is most suitable, our team will be happy to advise.

Looking ahead

We're continuing to expand our support for modern applications and cloud services, ensuring RM SafetyNet evolves alongside the way schools and pupils access online content.



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You can tell that RM SafetyNet was designed by someone who knew about user interface. From a qualitative standpoint, for me and the school, it's way better. It's always being improved.”

Ashley Morris,
Network Manager, Mary Webb School and
Science College

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