



## *Smoothwall – Important Information for Students*

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Dear Learners

We want to make sure that everyone in our school feels safe when using the internet, whether you are working in lessons, using a Chromebook, PC or laptop, or researching something for homework. To help with this, all Wessex Learning Trust schools are now using a system called Smoothwall.

### **What is Smoothwall?**

Smoothwall is a tool that helps protect you when you are online at school. It does this by:

- Filtering websites so you don't see anything unsafe or inappropriate
- Monitoring searches or typing on school devices to spot anything that could be worrying
- Alerting trained staff if something could put you or someone else at risk

### **Why are we using it?**

Your online safety is really important to us. Smoothwall helps:

- Stop harmful or upsetting content from appearing
- Make sure school devices are used safely
- Allow staff to notice early if someone might be struggling or needs some support

### **Does Smoothwall read my private messages?**

No. Smoothwall only picks up things linked to safeguarding and wellbeing. It does not check personal files, photos, or unrelated private messages.

How this helps you:

- Keeps you safe while working online
- Helps you make positive and safe choices
- Makes sure you can talk to someone if you are worried about something

If you are ever worried about something online, please speak to a trusted adult, your tutor or Head of Year/Head of House, or a member of the safeguarding team. We are always here to listen and support you. Thank you for helping us keep our school community safe online.

Yours sincerely

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