

Historic school installs CensorNet™ Solution

CLIENT - Lincoln Christ's Hospital School and Specialist Language College

Lincoln Christ's Hospital School (LCHS) is a large comprehensive school in Lincolnshire, England. With around 1300 pupils aged eleven to eighteen years, the school has enjoyed Language College status since 2001.

Hospital Schools date from the 13th century and were also known as 'Blue Coat' schools. Lincoln Christ's Hospital School dates from the 11th century becoming a Charity School in the 17th century.

Today's Comprehensive school was formed in 1974, bringing together two Grammar schools (Lincoln Boys' School, founded in 1090 and Lincoln Christ's Hospital Girls' School, founded in 1893) and two Secondary Modern Schools (St Giles and Myle Cross, both established in 1933).



Lincoln Christ's Hospital School urgently needed an effective web filtering solution to protect pupils' safety and staff accountability

Specific Requirements

Staff had noticed that some pupils had recently been managing to 'get around' the web filtering solution that was in place.

The school therefore needed a more effective solution that was not just easy to set up, but which also worked with Active Directory. It was also essential that the system provided an accurate and full reporting system that could, if required, be used as evidence.

While the school wanted a system that would prevent access to inappropriate sites, they also wanted flexibility, to enable different levels of access for different groups of users. For example, they wanted a less restrictive policy for teachers and Sixth Formers than for pupils in year seven.

Becta

LCCHS insisted that the new web filtering solution had to conform to very stringent rules set down by Becta. This is a government agency which sets out the basic elements of good practice to *'keep learners safe while ensuring the effective and innovative use of technology throughout learning'*.

LCCHS chose to install CensorNet™ Professional.

This is a web content filtering and content-control solution which is easy to use and which offers a valuable **reporting system** for accountability and visibility.

This allows LCCHS staff to monitor inappropriate use of the Internet and instantly address with confidence any situations which may arise.

One of the many policy features of CensorNet is a **special 'Advisory' mode**. This allows certain users to **override blocked pages** if they deem them acceptable for their work purposes.

This **maximum flexibility** satisfied the **different needs** of both staff and pupils of different ages **assuring pupils' safety** while teachers are still able to access sites to choose content for delivery to pupils.

Feedback

The school has always used screen capture software to check activity, but since the introduction of CensorNet there has been very little to find. But it seems not everyone is pleased, as the Headmaster explains:

'The students don't like CNV4 as it has ensured that only appropriate content can be accessed! If the students are complaining about it, it must be working!'

'Installing CensorNet has meant that we are now confident that we are providing the duty of care, in regard to access to Internet material that Parents expect.'

Trevor Batten, IT Systems Manager.