

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

You asked:

Please would you confirm your policy with regards the blocking of websites accessed from education establishments under your authority?

ANSWER:

LCC does not have a written policy regarding website blocking for maintained schools. Schools who choose to subscribe to the LA Broadband Buy Back Service receive a filtered emPSN connection. It is a school choice whether this service is managed by the service provider or whether the school takes local control of the filtering and manages it themselves. If a school chooses local control we ask for the Head Teacher to formally accept responsibility for the filtering in writing.

Is it your policy to block specific websites or to monitor internet use at these establishments?

LCC does not control the filtering service in schools

Do you have control over individual school policy (re website blocking) or do you act only in an advisory capacity?

LCC does not have control and acts only in an advisory capacity

Do you have control over other aspects of individual school's e-safety policies or do you act only in an advisory capacity? If so, what aspects?

We provide advice and guidance for school's via e-safety policies in staff training on safer use of social media, access to CEOP 'Think U Know' resources, and signposting to relevant guidance (such as Ofsted's 'Inspecting E-Safety' briefing).

If relevant, how many websites and keywords are on your blocked list?

Not relevant

If relevant, how many websites and keywords are on your monitored list?

Not relevant

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Information and Customer Access**

**Leicester City Council
FREEPOST (LE985/33)**

New Walk Centre

LEICESTER LE1 6ZG

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Wycliffe House

Water Lane

Wilmslow SK9 5AF

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