FILTERING POLICY

At DPS Ajman all the necessary steps for practical, technology protection measures (or "Internet filters") shall be taken to block or filter Internet, or other forms of electronic communications, access to inappropriate information.

DPS Ajman invested Sophos Firewall solution which is purpose-built for Education that delivers the key features as below:

- Powerful web-filtering policy

- Child safety and compliance

- Context-aware keyword filtering

Specifically, as required by the Children's Internet Protection, blocking shall be applied to the following content:

Adult: content containing sexually explicit images, video or text, the depiction of actual or realistic sexual activity;

Violence: content containing graphically violent images, video or text;

Hate Material: content which promotes violence or attack on individuals or institutions on the basis of religious, racial or gender grounds;

Illegal drug taking and the promotion of illegal drug use: content relating to the use or promotion of illegal drugs or misuse of prescription drugs;

Criminal skill/activity: content relating to the promotion of criminal and other activities;

Gambling: content relating to the use of online gambling websites or information relating to the promotion of gambling and gambling advice.

Access to network

Access is governed by unique device registration and pre approval by authorised staff only. No

devices can join the network without this approval and authentication.

Specifics of filtering service

This filtration service uses a category-based system to decide if a website is viewable from all Internet connected devices. The primary Categories include:

- Child Protection (including violence, porn, weapons etc)

- Leisure (entertainment, travel, sports)

- Business Chatting (internet chatting and instant messaging services)

- Computer & Internet Services (social networking, streaming, spam sites)

- Other (image sharing, betting, dating, compromised, uncategorized)

If a website falls into a category that is not deemed acceptable for use in the classroom. The user will be subject to viewing an "unsuitable" notification on the web browser.

The following table shows the content which is accessible or denied access for the stakeholders of the school:

		STUDENT		STAFF		TEACHER		GUEST
		LAN	WIFI	LAN	WIFI	LAN	WIFI	WIFI
1	Social Media -Facebook -Instagram -Twitter	✘	✘	✓	✓	✘ (Some exceptions)	✘ (Some exceptions)	✓
2	YouTube	✘	✘	✓	✓	✓	✓	✘
3	Pornography & profanity	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘
4	Child Abuse	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘
5	Violent Content	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘
6	Extreme ideology	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘
7	Shopping websites	✘	✘	✓	✓	✓	✓	✘

8	Hacking/Torrents/Movie downloads	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘
9	Netflix/Amazon Prime	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘
10	Gaming &	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘
11	Internet Calling (Except Webex, Teams, zoom, Google chat should be excluded)	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘	✘
12	BOTIM	✘	✘	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔

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