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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are contacting you with regard to recent changes in Keeping Children Safe in Education 2023 (KCSIE) which sets out safeguarding requirements for all schools and academies.

All academies and schools have a responsibility to ensure that appropriate filtering and monitoring is always active on Academy devices.

The University of Kent Academies Trust (UKAT) use Smoothwall Monitor and Smoothwall Filter to ensure users are always safeguarded.

To ensure the Trust adheres to the stringent expectations of Keeping Children Safe in Education 2023 these safeguards are in place on all Academy devices, including iPads which are purchased through our iPad scheme.

UKAT do not wish our filtering and monitoring to limit the educational potential of the devices. If students would like to access appropriate websites and apps, they can request access by completing the form below. The request will be reviewed by the Trust IT team and safeguarding staff.

[SUBMIT APPS/SITE FOR REVIEW](#)

UKAT will remove all filtering and monitoring programs when we transfer ownership of the device at the end of the term of the contract.

Further information can be found in our Acceptable User Policy on our website.

Yours sincerely



**Mr Stanley**  
**Vice Principal**