### **CASE STUDY**



## **Protecting pupils online - Sir John Thursby Community College Case Study**

#### **Netsweeper onGuard**

Netsweeper OnGuard empowers schools to pro-actively supervise a safer learning online experience for pupils without overburdening resources.

Go beyond the browser to track, analyse, and safeguard content across multiple devices (Windows, Mac, Android, Chrome), online or offline.

Alerts Digital Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) in your school to potential risks such as: abuse, bullying, drug misuse, grooming, mental health concerns, pornography, sexual exploitation, and self-harm.

#### **Benefits:**

- Active Monitoring
- Case Management
- Targeted Alerts
- Human Oversight
- Reduces false positives
- Proactive safeguarding







# Purpose and Values of Sir John Thursby Community College

The school's core purpose is to be community-centred, ensuring students achieve academic and creative success for further study and employment. They aim to support social mobility and positively impact students and their families, helping young people become confident, resilient, informed, adaptable, and caring members of society.

They are ambitious for their students, providing great teaching in every lesson. They value their staff, recognizing that strong relationships make a great school. They treat everyone with care, respect, and kindness, ensuring all community members are known, valued, and loved. They support diversity and understand the crucial role of families in student success. They believe in education beyond the classroom and strive for continuous improvement.

Nikki gave feedback on what they thought of Netsweeper onGuard.

"I have always been deeply concerned about the real-time monitoring of students and their online activities in school. Despite their best efforts, teachers often struggle to oversee every computer station and monitor every word typed. Additionally, students tend to minimize screens as teachers approach, which has left me feeling uneasy about the safety of their searches. The case of Frankie Thomas has always weighed heavily on my mind, serving as a constant reminder of the potential dangers lurking online.

This concern has now been alleviated with the introduction of OnGuard.

OnGuard provides live, real-time monitoring, ensuring that every keystroke is tracked, even if students do not hit enter. From word documents to emails and internet searches, it covers all activities comprehensively. We receive either an email for lower priority issues or a phone call for immediate action, depending on the severity of the situation. It is incredibly reassuring to know that every student is being monitored closely. The OnGuard system is sophisticated enough to recognize acronyms (e.g., KMS) and alerts us accordingly. I now feel confident that we are fully aware of students' activities, and our monitoring is in line with Keeping Children Safe legislation, which I could not honestly say before. This system has brought a significant sense of security and peace of mind to our school community."

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