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Dear Parents/Carers,

Victoria Park Junior School has always worked with software providers to indicate when a computer account may be being used in an unsafe manner, such as by conducting inappropriate internet searches or document creation.

With the ever-changing landscape of technology, our practice must be kept up to date as it is a key part of our safeguarding duty. We are going to be working in partnership with Smoothwall to ensure that all our school accounts and equipment are monitored. This includes the pupils' access to their school Google account. Smoothwall is a real-time, digital monitoring solution that flags incidents as they happen. **Smoothwall monitors both what is typed and screen views.** When users try to view or type harmful content then a member of the SLT informed. This happens both at school and externally **outside** of school.

For example: If your child logs into their **school Google** account at home, Smoothwall will monitor the activity on the account the same as it would in school.

This is a safeguarding led remote monitoring arrangement aimed at protecting all of our children. Data from the children's accounts is never seen in its entirety but identified risk words and phrases are reviewed and risk assessed by Smoothwall. These will be passed onto a member of SLT if they meet set thresholds of concern or risk. This is an important strengthening of our safeguarding arrangements to protect all children.

This system will go live the week commencing **10th June 2024.**

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Mr. J. Wilkinson

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