

# Advice to schools



## Solihull e-safety toolkit

# Information for parents and carers

## Free software for parental controls

These are a few examples of free software that is available to help parents and carers keep their children safe when using the internet. Some of these products can be used on smartphones as well as computers.

*You can find these products, and others, by searching for “free parental control software” on the internet.*

Some of these products are free versions of software with less functionality than equivalent premium (bought) versions.

You may also find that your internet service provider might be able to provide protection and/or parental controls software as part of your broadband package.

### K9 Web Protection (Bluecoat)

*“K9 Web Protection is a free Internet filter and parental control software for your home Windows or Mac computer. K9 puts YOU in control of the Internet so you can protect your kids.”*

<http://www1.k9webprotection.com/>

### Norton Family

*“Norton Family gives you insight into where your kids go and what they do online. So you can keep them safe and teach them good Internet habits.”*

<http://onlinefamily.norton.com>

### Qustodio

*“Qustodio is parental control designed for today’s busy, web-savvy parents. No hardware, no complicated setup—just a simple, web-based dashboard that gives you the info you need at a glance.”*

<http://www.qustodio.com/>

### Windows Essentials – Family safety

*“The kids are online and you're busy—Family Safety is there to help. Use activity reports to monitor your kids' computer activity. Choose the websites, games, and programs they can access.”*

<http://windows.microsoft.com/en-GB/windows-live/essentials-other-programs>

**We are not endorsing these products – it is the responsibility of parents and carers to check that these products are suitable and compatible with their systems.**