

Is Your School or Trust Cyber Resilient?

Professional CPD, Audit and Risk Assessments for
Trusts and Schools offered in partnership with
Secure Schools - the UK's leading cyber security
experts serving the education sector.

“Schools are critically dependent on technology and online services to function...ransomware is the biggest cyber-related threat to our society, with an increase of attacks on schools in recent years.”

(DfE, as reported in Schools Week, Sept 2021)

Cyber Security in Schools & Trusts

CPD & Audit Opportunities to Improve Your Cyber Resilience

Schools and Trusts have never been more reliant upon technology, IT and online systems in order to conduct and support all aspects of their core business from teaching and learning to finance and operations. Although there are many benefits, sadly, this has also resulted in an increased vulnerability. The education sector has increasingly been subjected to a number of high-profile cyber attacks with devastating consequences including lost financial records, deleted coursework and thousands of pounds worth of recovery costs.

Almost a year ago, the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) warned schools to take further precautions following a spike in cyber attacks hitting the education sector, including a targeted ransomware attack at one of the country's largest MATs, Harris Federation. Furthermore, in the recent EFSA update (published 16th February 2022), the NCSC advised 'all organisations to take action to strengthen their cyber security resilience as a result of the current heightened tensions in the Ukraine'. Thus, Learners First felt it was prudent to revisit some of the opportunities facilitated through our strategic partnership with **Secure Schools** with a view to supporting schools, MATs and their leaders to increase their knowledge, ability and confidence to adequately protect themselves against potential data breaches, cyber and ransomware attacks.

As part of the Learners First 2021/22 subscription offer, schools/MATs have been able to access a range of Cyber Security Risk Assessments via Secure Schools with a 25% reduction in cost. Further information about the audits, as well as other professional opportunities, are outlined overleaf. Given the increased importance of strong cyber security for schools and MATs, we are very pleased to confirm that non-subscribing schools from across the broader partnership can now also access the audits at a 10% reduced fee (simply cite 'Learners First' at the point of booking).

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Audit & CPD Opportunities

Through the partnership between Learners First and Secure Schools, schools and MATs are able to access a Cyber Risk Assessment at a reduced fee (costs are detailed below). Using an audit approach, the risk assessment opportunities offered by Secure Schools provide leaders, governors and trustees seeking independence assurance about the security of their information systems, policies and processes with professional insights, expertise and guidance specific to the context of education. The audit combines all of the cyber security requirements from the DfE and ESFA along with guidance from the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) and cyber security standards such as Cyber Essentials and IASME Governance.

Opportunity / Details	Full Cost	Cost for Learners First Subscribers - (25% Discount)	Cost for Non-Subscribers citing Learners First (10% Discount)	Register of Interest Form
Audits - These are opportunities for schools and MATs seeking independent assurance about the security of their information systems, policies and processes. The audit combines all the cyber security requirements from the DfE and ESFA along with guidance from the NCSC and cyber security standards such as Cyber Essentials and IASME Governance.				
1. Audit for a Single Academy/School or Central Trust <i>This includes a self assessment combined with assessor verification, knowledge transfer and coaching and an action plan for improving compliance and resilience.</i>	£750 +VAT	£563 +VAT	£675 +VAT	Click Here
2. Additional Academy Consistency Audit <i>The purpose of this is to assess an academy's consistency with the policy set by a central Trust</i>	£530 +VAT	£398 +VAT	£477 +VAT	Click Here
Webinars & Briefings				
Webinar <i>Secure Schools will be facilitating a live webinar for leaders and governors wishing to find out more about Cyber Security. The session will cover a basic overview of what we mean by 'cyber security' in the context of schools/MATs and consider ways in which individuals and organisations can take preventative measures to protect themselves and from Cyber Attacks and Data Breaches.</i>	£50	Fully funded	£50	Click Here to register your interest (Date of Session TBC)
Secure Schools Briefing <i>Secure Schools offer leaders the opportunity to sign up to their free school and trust cyber threat briefings. These fortnightly briefings provide information about cyber threats, advice to control cyber risks and links to useful cyber security resources.</i>	Offered free from Secure Schools			Sign up by Clicking Here

Further details are available on the Learners First website: www.learnersfirst.net