Centralise control of your Multi Academy Trust

With cloud technology

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Centralise Control, Reduce Costs
With Cloud Technology

Schools Broadband are the Multi Academy Trust experts. We provide connectivity, security, filtering, WAN and VoIP phone services to over 250 MATs so we understand the challenges faced by growing Trusts.

With our Ultrafast connectivity, Wide Area Networks, and award-winning, cloud-hosted filtering and security, you can centralise control and improve efficiency all while reducing IT expenditure.

Affordable access to advanced technology

The Schools Broadband network is entirely dedicated to education and designed specifically to meet the needs of UK schools and MATs.

Combining cutting edge technology with world-leading filtering and security services, our unique hosted system makes purchasing and maintaining expensive on-site equipment a cost of the past.

Allows effective central procurement

> We know each trust is unique, and each school within that trust has its own requirements and challenges. Our technology allows for customisation on an individual school level, all while ensuring regulatory compliance and trust-wide standards across all schools.

Reduces on-site equipment costs

> Significant cost savings can be achieved by moving from an on-site solution to a hosted one, especially as a Multi Academy Trust. When you factor in the benefits of centralisation, it's clear that cloud technology is the best solution for MATs.

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The benefits of a Cloud-Hosted Service

Reduced Capex - As cloud hosted services do not require the purchasing of on-site equipment, it reduces capital expenditure.

Reduced Opex - As there is no requirement to own on-site equipment (services are subscription based), there is no requirement to upgrade or replace equipment. We take care of that for you.

Increased Efficiency - Cloud-hosted computing technology enables control of an entire Trust's IT estate, from one central point, allowing far more effective deployment of IT staff. If required, schools can still maintain autonomy and control.

Improved Economies of Scale - Connecting to cloud-hosted services allows any number of schools to plug in to any number of services. Individual on-site equipment is not required, therefore significantly improving economies of scale, particularly for growing MATs.

Reduced Phone Costs - Cloud-hosted phone services (VoIP & SIP) give excellent quality, free site to site communication. VoIP and SIP phone services also vastly reduce phone bills and allow for a centralised telephone reception.

Reassurance - Centralisation of critical hosted services such as Web Filtering & Security ensures each school within the Trust meets regulatory requirements such as that stipulated as part of the DfE's Prevent Duty and KCSIE.

Trust Standards - Cloud-hosted services allow Trusts to introduce Trust-wide minimum standards for network security and web filtering policies.

Autonomy and Independence - Academy Schools who need to maintain a local identity, or who have regional Web Filtering requirements can also manage policies at school, classroom or device level via cloud-hosted services if permitted to do so by the Trust.
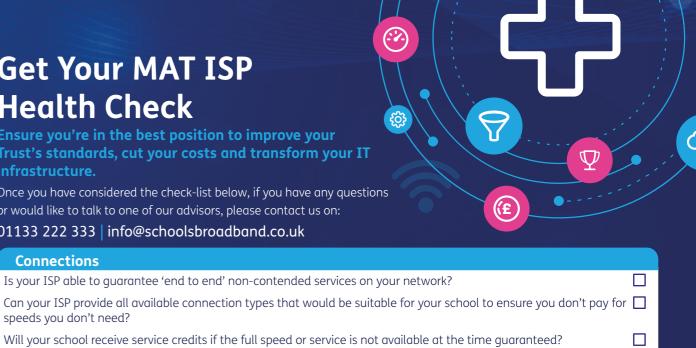
Get Your MAT ISP Health Check

Ensure you're in the best position to improve your Trust's standards, cut your costs and transform your IT infrastructure.

Once you have considered the check-list below, if you have any questions or would like to talk to one of our advisors, please contact us on:

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Connections
- Is your ISP able to guarantee 'end to end' non-contended services on your network? ☐
- Can your ISP provide all available connection types that would be suitable for your school to ensure you don't pay for speeds you don't need? ☐
- Will your school receive service credits if the full speed or service is not available at the time guaranteed? ☐
- Is your ISP providing 'guarantees' on connection speeds that cannot be offered e.g. ADSL, FTTC or FTTP connections? ☐

Filtering
- Does your ISP's filtering solution fully support your schools' Prevent Duty compliance and Keeping Children Safe In Education regulatory requirements? ☐
- Is your filtering provider a member of the Internet Watch Foundation and does it use their block lists? ☐
- Can your school easily set its own filtering policies; at key stage, year, department and even down to individual user level? ☐
- Is BYOD supported and does it include filtering beyond school hours and location? ☐
- Can you easily add your own key words at Trust, School, Key Stage, Department and Year group level? ☐
- Are reporting features standard as part of your Internet Service Provider price? ☐
- Are you able to set and define your own monitoring and reporting rules? ☐
- Can your filtering be managed centrally for multiple sites or schools within a MAT? ☐
- Is there a requirement for highly technical on-site equipment to deliver your internet service and does this include ongoing maintenance and support? ☐
- Are you able to delegate multiple levels of administration, so that teachers can easily set individual filters? ☐
- Does your provider keep internet logs for longer than a month? ☐

Network Security
- Does your ISP include a full Unified Threat Management (UTM) option? ☐
- Does your ISP provide 'as standard' a private network for schools, if part of a MAT? ☐
- Does your internet security work seamlessly across multiple sites? ☐
- Does your network security identify and protect against new threats and DDoS attacks? ☐
- Where there is an on-site appliance; is the device easily fixable / replaceable? ☐
- Is the appliance currently up to date with the latest software and patches? ☐

Service
- Is there one central point of contact for filtering, security and technical support? ☐
- Are you able to obtain support outside of normal working hours? ☐
- Does your ISP operate a UK based support desk? ☐
- Is your ISP's platform hosted in UK data centres? ☐
- Is your provider certified to ISO27001? ☐

"Great flexibility, stable connections and fast internet speeds. I can be assured that our staff are accessing a fully filtered provision at the appropriate level."
Nexus MAT

"Netsweeper was one of only a few Education focused web filters that supported Azure AD and was a factor in our selection process."
University of Brighton Academies Trust

"The hosted setup means we can control the traffic between sites in as much detail as we want."
Abbey MAT

"The Prevent reports are one of the best benefits of the filtering platform."
Limehurst Academy

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