# **Product Overview**

#### HeadteacherChat's Review of classroom.cloud

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#### In summary, HeadteacherChat recommends classroom.cloud because:

- It supports schools to be proactive in keeping pupils safe online by identifying vulnerable children, analysing incidents and spotting trends
- It is so easy whether it's teachers in the classroom, safeguarding leads or IT teams, classroom.cloud is logical and intuitive to use.
- It has great flexibility, regardless of the size of your school or organisation

#### What does it enable you to do?

classroom.cloud is a 3-in-1 cloud based solution for classroom management, online safety and IT management. Its flexibility is one of its greatest assets. It can support all major platforms and links to Google Classroom, ensuring any data updates are immediately transferred.



#### **Classroom management**

The range of features available is considerable, yet they are easy-to-use and very intuitive. The teacher's screen shows individual tiles for each child, which can then be controlled as a whole class, by individual student or by groups.

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As well as sharing a screen for demonstration purposes, the teacher can provide discrete support to children via the online 'Help' request tool and the Chat/Messaging tools. Website and app access can be controlled, either by approving or restricting individual sites/apps. These are removed at the end of the lesson. Similarly USB and webcam use can be disabled as necessary. A real timesaver is the ability to launch a website directly onto students' devices, as is the ability to Power off, Restart or Log out class devices.

Websites can be added to 'allowed' lists or 'restricted' lists for whole classes, groups or individuals at the click of a button

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#### **Online Safety and Safeguarding**

Again, the range of features is vast but so simple to navigate, to help leaders monitor pupils online and keep them safe. Importantly, it can be linked to other platforms eg CPOMS or MyConcern, saving time but also giving the wider picture.

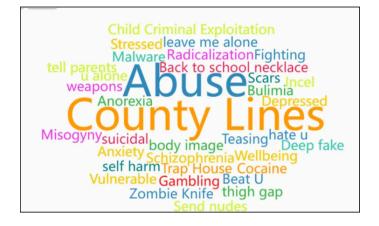
classroom.cloud includes a 'phrase matching' facility for potentially inappropriate use of words or searches, including in many languages other than English. These are categorised (eg suicide, self harm, drugs etc) and assigned a level of urgency. The categories can be altered depending on the age of pupils and context. Schools can add words to the list, for example, terms used locally. Importantly, the system picks up words from multiple sources, including those copied, as well as typed, by an individual, web page titles and within Teams.

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Useful screenshots and 30 second videos (15 seconds before and after a phrase is used) provide evidence of usage but also, equally importantly, a context.

Safeguarding officers are emailed urgent concerns so that they can be acted on swiftly. Reports indicate trends as well as help to identify vulnerable students, cohorts or specific issues.

**Phrase clouds** show at a glance what is currently trending. Individual words can be clicked on to provide further detail.



Other important features include:

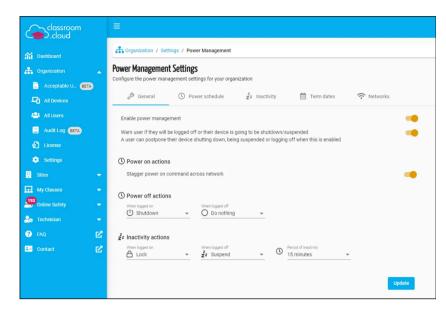
- Onscreen 'Acceptable Use Policy' notices that pupils must acknowledge, increasing their accountability and awareness of their responsibilities online.
- Students can 'Report a concern' to a trusted member of staff (name **and** photo displayed for easy identification).
- Instant access to a range of online resources covering topics such as FGM, bullying, grooming etc and a list of charities that pupils can contact directly. This is editable to allow local or specific information to be added.
- Timings can be set to ensure school devices can only connect during approved times, protecting both pupils and staff.

### IT Management

Again, classroom.clouds' flexibility is key. It integrates fully with a school's existing infrastructure. Technicians can save valuable money by seeing at a glance how technology is being used. This could be through hardware and software inventories highlighting any under-used or unused licences or through saving energy by identifying devices left on out of class time.

Being cloud based, the need for a server is removed when connecting devices across multiple sites, and firewalls are no longer an issue.

Being a 'multi platform' system means a range of devices can be supported simultaneously, futureproofing a school as technology needs change.



Pricing - Affordable pricing for all schools - https://classroom.cloud/pricing/

Introduction to classroom.cloud (3:10) <u>https://youtu.be/TaE5VuH\_y2U</u>

Taking a closer look at classroom.cloud (webinar 36:48) https://youtu.be/aYKbNvGvJM8

Testimonials:

Abersychan School classroom.cloud case study <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?</u> <u>v=auRYJeZVEqw&t=12s</u>

Bury Grammar School classroom.cloud case study <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?</u> <u>v=62mYhVqgV2U&t=7s</u>

"classroom.cloud works really well for us as a one-to-one school as it offers instantaneous connection via Teams which means teaching and learning can start straightaway. The monitoring that it offers is so important to promote pupil engagement and focus but that fact that it enhances teaching and learning alongside with functionality such as "help", "polling", "share screen" really makes the difference for us." Assistant Headteacher

"Teacher feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, with staff commenting on how intuitive and easy it is to use. Through a combination of its assessment, tracking, classroom management and continuity features, the platform frees up valuable time for teachers to do what they do best: teach." Head of IT services

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