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Dear Parents and Students,

We have recently introduced an Internet Security system on our College computer system – Securus. This is a result of Lord Laming's new Government Child Protection Plan.

E-Safety is an important focus in the modern world and as a school we have a responsibility to do our best to ensure that our students and staff are safe. More information about Securus can be found on the Securus website: www.securus-software.com

Securus quote:

Safe pupils learn more

"Our e-safety software monitors your computers and alerts you when a pupil puts themselves or others at risk. It also encourages children to act more responsibly, creating a better environment for learning".

The software is automatically installed on our school machines, but in the case of PCs or laptops being brought in from home this needs to be installed manually.

If you intend to continue to use your own laptop at Samuel Whitbread it is essential that Securus is installed. The software sits in the background recording any violations that occur and these are reported to a central server. A trained IT specialist then sifts through this collected information and alerts the relevant agencies if anything untoward is discovered.

We are asking that you support the College Policy and bring your laptop to IT Services to have Securus installed. It only takes a few minutes to complete and will not harm your laptop in any way.

The College feels that this is an important step in safeguarding our students and staff, but if you have any questions in relation to this software, please contact [ITservices @ swcc.beds.sch.uk](mailto:ITservices@swcc.beds.sch.uk)

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