Nexus MAT Information Governance Strategic Framework 2018-21



The purpose of Nexus MAT is to challenge all our schools to be the best they can be: in our strategic approach to ICT, we set out our aims and ambitions for what we intend to achieve with and for our schools.

IG Strategy

Landscape

Technical architecture of Nexus Schools and the central trust

- Nexus Trust will provide strategic guidance on schools ICT architecture enabling them to respond to the ever changing needs of Education and technology.
- Nexus Trust will ensure schools have high levels of information governance standards, which are in-line with the ICO and DfE principles.

Annual development cycles of school websites, ICT networks,

• All schools will work within the Nexus Trust IG Toolkits.

solutions with termly review points.

licencing, CCTV, E-Safety, contracts, print, telephony and MIS

Technical support development for operational delivery and staff.

Culture

People and organisation, CPD for Nexus employees and its students

- Nexus Trust will ensure a culture of safe and responsible working throughout its schools at all levels.
- Nexus Trust will promote a culture of collaboration of leaders within technical areas and E-Safety.
- Student ambassadors will underpin the Parent and Student Voice and promote safe internet use at all times.
- Clear policies and expectations are rooted within the organisation.
- CPD for staff is made available at all levels and relevant to the post holder.
- Area leaders will meet regularly and formulate global change
- Student E-Safety ambassadors will meet regularly and formulate global change together along with inclusion of Parent Voice.

Growth

On-boarding and newly joining schools

Nexus MAT will invest in ICT and financial leadership within newly ioined schools.

This leadership will ensure there is a clear assessment of information governance and current strategy supporting education, technical landscape and ICT cultures.

- Fair and concise due diligence for on boarding schools.
 - Baseline of school websites, ICT networks, licencing, CCTV, E-Safety, contracts, print, telephony and MIS solutions.
 - Technical support development for operational delivery and staff.
 - Financial planning advice and support for technical refresh.
 - Transparency with third party technical providers underpinned by a joint drive to provide best practice to our schools.

- All schools have embedded the necessary standards and platforms as set out within the toolkits and policies, in line with Trust, ICO and DfE standards.
- External assessment reports on the Trust IG framework reflect the necessary impact and value added qualities that the trust set out to implement and our schools are working within standards.
- Staff receive a minimum of three CPD opportunities each year and where formal training is required, budget is allocated.
- Policies are fit for purpose and as such, have board approval.
- External assessment reports and inspections will demonstrate that area leaders and the Trusts overarching strategy have had the necessary impact and value added qualities that the trust set out to implement.
- Overall, students and parents understand how to keep safe in the ever changing online environments and have clear routes for help and further knowledge.

- An accurate representation of ICT architecture to support the on-boarding process.
- Full ICT appraisal provided to the Head, area leaders and CEO based on regulatory standards with a pathway for development and importantly, acknowledgement of good practice.
- A flexible and responsive technical support model embedded which is fit for the school's needs.
- Third party technical providers continue to work with the school, where applicable and strong relationships are formed with the Trust. and are able to combine their assets providing a value added service within the ever changing landscapes.

Reporting and challenge

- Ensure the Nexus Trust CEO and Board of Directors have full transparency over ICT activities.
- Progress against the strategic objectives as set out above will be measured and reported to the Trust board termly.
 - Nexus Trust board to provide critical challenge of all ICT activities.
- School leaders have full transparency over ICT activities and have the opportunity to challenge, provide individualised recommendations and receive fair and concise reports.

IG reporting

principles

Leadership confidence, high standards of delivery, high attainable expectations, flexible technical landscapes, safe and able ICT cultures, a child centred ethos.