



Royal School
for the Deaf &
Communication
Disorders



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**The Royal School for the Deaf & Communication Disorders
Case Study**

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The Client

The Royal School for the Deaf & Communication Disorders (RSDCD) is a mixed day and residential, co-educational, non-maintained special school and college. RSDCD caters for those pupils/students with a wide range of complex needs, including severe communication difficulties, physical difficulties, severe learning difficulties, hearing difficulties, visual impairment and autistic spectrum disorders. A significant number of pupils and students also present challenging behaviour. It is a non-maintained school run by a charity. The school provides residential education for the majority of its pupils and students, which can be up to 52 weeks each year. The age of pupils and students ranges from 7 to 21 years.

In common with progressive educational establishments throughout the world, RSDCD has demonstrably grasped the opportunity that ICT now plays in enhancing the process of learning as well as providing an efficient and effective communication tool. The school has an excellent reputation for its use of ICT. Pupils and students develop skills to produce the written word using computers with touch screens or concept keyboards. This then widens their horizons as far as communication is concerned. ICT is used widely throughout the school to help pupils, students and staff to communicate with each other and gain a clearer understanding of the wishes and feelings of each other. However despite the obvious educational and social benefits offered by new technologies, there are risks and costs associated with their use.



The Issue

Mike Pearn of the RSDCD stated "As the School caters for very vulnerable students we needed a system that would enforce our policies by constantly monitoring internet usage, allow us to proactively determine what web sites were acceptable and what were not, and instantly alert us to any inappropriate activity that might be occurring across our network."

The College evaluated a number of differing security products in the marketplace before selecting the Ni Enterprise Manager.

The Solution

"We were felt compelled to purchase Ni Enterprise Manager due to the fact that not only does it monitor and detail all web sites visited, but it gives us important additional functionality such as software/hardware auditing, details of all files accessed, changes to hardware/software and lots more. It is far more feature rich than any other product that we considered" added Mike.



Ni Enterprise Manager is the ground breaking hosted 'all in one' service that gives organisations total control, visibility and protection over all of their computer users wherever they are.

Combining core functionality of Anti Virus, Web Filtering & Blocking, Asset Management, Usage & Application Control with comprehensive online reporting - Ni Enterprise Manager enables the central application and enforcement of policies across physical, geographic boundaries & time zones.

"The benefits of deploying Ni Enterprise Manager have been two fold" stated Mike, "Not only has Enterprise Manager provided us with a tool that protects our students when surfing, but we have also reduced the workload of our IT department."

"We have really benefited from Ni Enterprise Manager and would have no hesitation in recommending it to any school organisation."

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