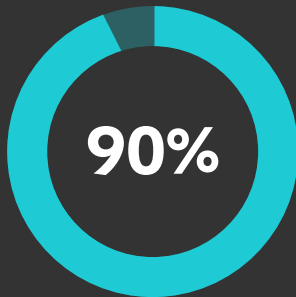


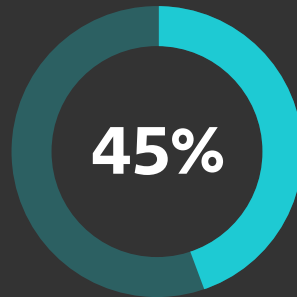
# Cyber Security: *Where does your school stand?*

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## Did you know?



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currently meet the DfE Cyber Security Standards



£000s

average cost when something goes wrong, before disruption costs

**90% of schools have experienced at least one cyber incident.** Only 45% currently meet the DfE Cyber Security Standards and when something does go wrong, the average cost runs into the thousands before you factor in the disruption to staff, students, and families.

**And the requirements are only getting stricter.**

New Cyber Essentials assessments will carry tougher expectations around Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) and patching. Schools that haven't already started working towards those standards will find themselves further behind than they realised.

## Cyber Security isn't just an IT problem.



### School Leadership

School leaders now have explicit responsibilities for their school's cyber posture.



### Governors

The DfE is mandating governance-level accountability and the ability to demonstrate cyber assurance.



### Cyber Insurers (RPA)

Cyber insurers need evidence. The Risk Protection Arrangement has specific eligibility requirements schools must meet.

**So now, the question isn't whether your school needs to act, it's whether you know what your responsibilities are, where you actually stand and what to do about it.**

# What is ONE Secure?

ONE Secure is Dataspire's school-focused cyber security baseline service. It's built around the DfE Cyber Security Standards and designed to work across your whole estate, helping you to confidently protect your students, staff and data.

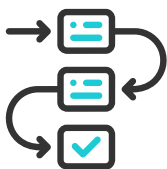
## ONE Secure includes:



### CYBER SECURITY AUDIT

#### Initial cyber security assessment

We'll do a thorough review of your school's current security posture across your whole estate. We look at what you have, what you're missing, and what the gaps really mean.



### PLANNING

#### Clear remediation roadmap

We will then provide a clear roadmap for your school's security. A prioritised, practical plan that tells you what needs to happen, in what order, and why.



### ONGOING SUPPORT

#### Termly reviews

Every term, we'll come back. We'll check progress against the remediation plan, review the findings, and update your evidence and action log, so you'll never be left wondering where you stand.



### EVIDENCE & TRACKING

#### Evidence and progress tracking workspace

You'll be given a dedicated client area to keep your evidence, action summaries, and review records in one place. So, when someone (e.g. your governors or Ofsted) asks you to demonstrate your cyber position, you'll have everything you need to hand.

*"This is simply brilliant. We have incorporated the recommendations into our digital strategy. Keen to proceed with all phases.*

*Thank you for this. For such a complex area this is a great place to be launching improvements from."* Business Manager – St John Bosco Arts College



## It's a service designed exclusively for education

We will deliver an initial audit, a remediation plan, continued monitoring with termly reviews built in, so you've always got an up-to-date picture.

### The audit covers:

- The physical security of your IT infrastructure (*Who can access your systems*)
- Your network and infrastructure configuration (*Your network and systems' setup*)
- Your governance and risk management (*Policies, Plans and Paperwork*)
- Your planning and incident response (*Being ready when things go wrong*)
- Your operational protection (*Your day-to-day security e.g. patching, monitoring, backups*)
- Your vulnerability management (*Finding and fixing weaknesses*)

We don't just deliver an audit and walk away, we make sure your school is cyber confident and certain of exactly where you stand.

## Jargon-free. Budget-friendly. Workload-considered.

You'll come away with a clear picture of where you're strong, where you're exposed, and a remediation plan that's actually achievable within a school environment.

**We work exclusively in education, so we know what realistic looks like.**

## Why Dataspire?

We've been working with schools across the country since 2005, supporting over 300 schools and hold a 96% customer satisfaction rate.



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**120+**

Projects delivered for  
the DfE and counting



**Est. 2005**

20 years working  
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## DfE Cyber Security Pilot Partner

We've been selected by the DfE as 1 of 6 suppliers to pilot cyber security standards across UK schools, helping to shape the data that will inform the 2030 Cybersecurity Standard.

That means we're not just familiar with what's required. *We're actively involved in how it's being applied in schools.*

## With Dataspire ONE Secure, you'll get an honest, unbiased view and a practical path forward.

We're not going to tell you everything's fine if it isn't and we're not going to tell you everything's a disaster if it isn't that either.

## But...

### "... our IT support handles it."

Maybe they do but there's a difference between an IT provider maintaining your systems and an independent audit assessing your cyber posture against the DfE standard. The audit gives you that picture, separate from whoever manages your day-to-day IT.

### "... we had an incident and sorted it."

In the schools we audit, some of the most significant gaps are in schools that have been through an incident before. The incident prompted action, but not necessarily a full assessment of every vulnerability.

### "...we don't have the budget."

We get it. School budgets are stretched and that's exactly why we have the conversation first. What we can tell you is that a ONE Secure Audit is significantly less than the cost of a cyber incident, and a lot less than the disruption of having your systems offline for weeks.



## IMPORTANT DEADLINE

### **NOW** is a great time to take action

The NCSC is introducing stricter requirements for Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) and patching for new assessments of Cyber Essentials from late April 2026. Schools that haven't already started working towards compliance will need to move faster to catch up.

**If you've been meaning to get on top of cybersecurity but haven't found the right moment, *NOW* is the time.**

### **Ready to find out where your school stands?**

If you want an honest picture of your school's cyber security and a clear plan to improve it, get in touch. We'll talk you through the assessment process and take it from there.

**Book your ONE Secure Audit today**

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