



**Important information – please pass to  
your Business Manager & IT Manager**

**6 weeks of advice on approaches to  
Cyber Security**

**Cyber Security #5**



**Responding to a tipping point on fighting Cyber  
Security attacks.**

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As individuals, with or without us, the threat posed by Cyber Criminals needs to be got under **control**. The time for this has to be now.

In understanding our 'digital future', its challenges & the staggering pace of development it's clear our reliance on IT can only **increase**.

At the same time threats are only **escalating**, with Cyber Criminals highly motivated by their successes so far.

They are becoming pretty rich people, with the money to invest in ever more sophisticated means of causing **damage** (not forgetting drugs & trafficking).

Worse still, they can be entirely **ruthless** – they do not care about damage they are causing. It's not something anyone can turn their back on.

The DfE wants schools and their Governing bodies to engage in **fighting** the menace of Cyber Crime and we want to help Business Managers & SLT's to do that.

That might mean '**raising the bar**' for you on understanding the issues at hand.

Alongside this, it also means getting to grips with where you need to prioritise improvement & what sort of **positive action** you can take.

We are pleased to have as part of One West two specialists in the field – **Sean Smythe** & more recently **Ian Berry**.

They have extensive **knowledge & experience** in Cyber Security & are helping schools & other organisations already.

However, lest things get worse they want to do **more now**. They are able to offer the support & advice to do that.

It isn't really clear how long Cyber Criminals will continue attacking schools – the answer might be when they no longer find **vulnerabilities** they can exploit.

Plugging the gaps in response, means schools have work to do. Meantime unfortunately the 'baddies' **continue** to get badder.

If you want to talk with us & explore the sort of help we might give, do get in touch. We would be **delighted** to talk with you.

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Thanks & we look forward to telling you more.

The One West Business & Cyber Security team.

Watch out for our next bulletin **Cyber Security #6**– the last of our **6 weeks of advice** on this extremely important topic.



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