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Cyber-attacks are increasingly centred on schools & colleges – what do you need to do?.



Cyber-attacks in schools & colleges on the up – it's time to be really careful

According to the **Police South West Regional Cyber Crime Unit**, The Education sector has reported the most attacks in the South West during the first half of 2023.

Many of the attacks reported in the South West are **Ransomware** attacks which can be used to deny access, disable systems, or exploit sensitive data.

Remote Desktop Protocol (RDP) remains the **highest risk** form of attack. RDP is designed to provide remote access, but can be exploited by criminals to gain access and deploy malicious software.

So what do you need to do?

The **National Cyber Security Council** (NCSC) has guidance available to support you <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/guidance/mitigating-malware-and-ransomware-attacks>.

Having a secure **backup arrangement** and making sure that devices are **patched** and as **up to date** as they can be are some of the best forms of defence.

If you need us One-West provides a **dedicated cyber security service** to assess, support development, and embed resilience in organisations across the South West.

In the event that you believe your system has been compromised, remember, you should always **contact your DPO** for advice as soon as you can.

If you do want some help why not have a **conversation** with us – we would be very happy to see how we might help.

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