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Park Community School Strengthens Cybersecurity and Digital Learning with Heimdal's Unified Platform

Park Community School has enhanced its cybersecurity posture and freed up valuable IT resources by deploying Heimdal's integrated security platform. With advanced DNS filtering, ransomware protection, and real-time threat prevention, the school ensures a safe, scalable, and resilient digital environment for both students and staff.

Case Study – Secondary School | UK Education Sector

CHALLENGES

Rising Threats and Limited Visibility

Before deploying Heimdal, Park Community School experienced a growing number of phishing and ransomware threats, which their previous solution failed to prevent effectively. The IT team also lacked visibility into domain-level risks, limiting their ability to act proactively.

Need for Smarter, Seamless Protection

The school required a cybersecurity solution that could keep pace with evolving threats, support a large number of student and staff devices, and remain easy to deploy with minimal disruption to learning. The need for a smarter, layered, and education-friendly platform became clear.

WHY PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL CHOSE HEIMDAL

Park Community School discovered Heimdal through peer recommendations and research in the education technology space. Heimdal stood out for its unified approach and ability to deliver proactive protection across multiple threat vectors, all from a centralised dashboard.

Where other solutions appeared overly complex or fragmented, Heimdal offered a streamlined alternative that was tailored to education environments. The ease of rollout, combined with powerful features like DNS filtering and ransomware detection, made it the clear choice.

ABOUT PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Park Community School is a co-educational secondary school based in Leigh Park, Hampshire. It supports students across Key Stages 3 and 4 and is recognised for its strong focus on community values, inclusive education, and preparing pupils with "Skills for Life".

As part of its digital development strategy, the school has invested in secure and reliable IT infrastructure to enable classroom learning, remote access, and wider safeguarding initiatives. The goal is to support education without compromising on data security or digital safety.

SOLUTION

The school deployed the following Heimdal modules:

- **DNS Security:** Blocks access to malicious or inappropriate websites at the domain level, reducing phishing risks and preventing unsafe browsing before it reaches endpoints
- **Ransomware Encryption Protection (REP):** Detects and stops unauthorised encryption attempts in real time, preventing ransomware from taking hold and protecting critical school data.
- **Threat Prevention:** Provides proactive threat intelligence across endpoints, giving IT teams better visibility and enabling faster response to emerging risks.

RESULTS & IMPACT

Reduced Risk and Improved Visibility

Heimdal's DNS Security and REP modules have significantly lowered the number of incidents caused by malicious links, unsafe browsing, and encryption-based attacks. The platform provides real-time insight into the school's threat landscape, helping the IT team respond swiftly and confidently.

Resilience During High-Risk Periods

School holidays and remote access periods are particularly vulnerable to cyber threats. With Heimdal's real-time protection, Park Community School maintains high levels of digital safety year-round, even when devices are offsite.

Efficient, Future-Ready Security

All modules work together in a single dashboard, enabling the school to manage risk efficiently and scale protection as needed. Heimdal's solution aligns with the school's long-term strategy for IT and digital safeguarding.

> *Heimdal has been crucial for our school's cybersecurity. Its DNS Security feature blocks harmful websites effectively, enhancing our defences against phishing and malware. Additionally, the Ransomware Encryption Protection module ensures our sensitive data is secure, providing real-time detection and preventing potential ransomware attacks. We confidently recommend Heimdal for robust and reliable online safety."*
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> **Chris Maddock,**
> IT Manager, Park Community School

CONCLUSION

With Heimdal, Park Community School has implemented a reliable and scalable cybersecurity platform tailored to the needs of modern education. The solution not only enhances digital safety for pupils and staff but also enables the IT team to focus on innovation, learning support, and long-term resilience.

Heimdal continues to support UK schools with tools that combine proactive protection, simplified management, and peace of mind.

WHY HEIMDAL FOR EDUCATION?

The education sector faces mounting cyber threats, limited IT resources, and increasing pressure to meet compliance standards. Heimdal provides a unified security platform designed to meet the specific needs of educational institutions, helping schools and colleges protect sensitive data, maintain operational continuity, and support safe digital learning environments.

- **Comprehensive Protection** – From ransomware prevention to DNS and endpoint security, Heimdal defends educational institutions across every vector.

- **Regulatory Compliance** – Supports Cyber Essentials, GDPR, and DfE/NCSC frameworks with automated tools and reporting to simplify compliance.

- **Streamlined Security Management** – A unified dashboard enables full control and visibility for overstretched IT teams, reducing workload and response time.

- **Proactive Threat Prevention** – AI-driven intelligence and 24/7 monitoring help stop threats before they disrupt learning or administrative operations.

- **Cost-Effective & Scalable** – Tailored for schools of all sizes, Heimdal delivers affordable, future-ready cybersecurity that grows with your institution.

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