

Prepare your School's Cyber Resilience

Schools today face increasing cyber risks — and being prepared matters.

This one-pager introduces two key ways to build your school's cyber resilience: Tabletop Exercises and Cyber Incident Response Plans. These services help your team understand their roles, improve decision-making under pressure, and respond effectively when incidents happen.

Tabletop Exercises:

What They Are:

- **Simulated Scenarios:** Guided, discussion-based sessions that walk through realistic cyber incidents.
- **Collaborative Practice:** Bring together IT teams, leadership, and key staff to explore how your school would respond.
- **Real-World Insights:** Identify gaps in current plans, decision-making processes, and communication pathways.

Key Benefits:

- **Improved Preparedness:** Boost confidence and readiness to act during a cyber incident.
- **Stronger Team Coordination:** Clarify roles, responsibilities, and communication across teams.
- **Risk Awareness:** Proactively uncover gaps in your response approach and strengthen overall resilience.

Cyber Incident Response Plans:

What They Are:

- **Tailored Plan:** Designed to meet your school's specific needs and outline how to handle cyber threats effectively.
- **Step-by-Step Actions:** Clearly set out how to detect, contain, and recover from incidents.
- **Clear Communication:** Define who to contact, when, and how—both within the school and with external parties like parents or regulators.

Key Benefits:

- **Timely Response:** Helps reduce downtime and limit damage by enabling well-organised action when incidents occur.
- **Compliance and Confidence:** Supports alignment with regulatory requirements and best practices, reassuring school boards and leadership.
- **Continuous Improvement:** Regular reviews and updates ensure that your incident response remains effective in a changing threat landscape.

Why This Matters:

Strong preparedness and resilience are essential for managing growing cyber risks.

When school boards, business managers, IT teams, and school leaders understand the risks and how to respond, they can make confident decisions that support the entire school community. Tabletop Exercises and Cyber Incident Response Plans help build this readiness by clarifying roles, improving coordination, and strengthening your school's ability to respond when incidents occur.

For schools, this is particularly critical to help safeguard student data, maintain operational continuity, and uphold trust in digital learning environments.

