



Dear Parent/Carer,

We are proud to be one of a number of schools using 'IRIS Connect', an innovation in teacher professional development, which uses a secure video system to enable teachers to observe their own teaching for developmental purposes and occasionally share examples of excellence in teaching and learning. IRIS is a very large organisation working with hundreds of schools across the country (1 in 5 secondary schools in England and Wales have used IRIS).

The lessons filmed by IRIS Connect are only accessible by the teacher that recorded them, or within the IRIS Bridgewater network for professional development (i.e. they may choose to share them with other Bridgewater teachers to demonstrate good practice). To clarify: These lessons are absolutely not in the public domain.

The video files are stored in an encrypted cloud which means that they cannot be viewed without password protection. Not only can solely Bridgewater staff view filmed lessons, but there is no download functionality whatsoever. If you would like further peace of mind with regard to this aspect, please visit <http://www.irisconnect.com/uk/support/security-and-safeguarding/> (there is also a link to a document containing very detailed technical information). It is worth noting that "IRIS Connect is the only video professional learning platform with a protocol agreed between the ASCL and NASUWT" (teaching unions).

We very much hope that the use of this technology will further improve teaching and learning at Bridgewater High School, as this is its primary purpose.

If you have any questions or if for any reason you do not wish your child to be involved in a filmed lesson, please feel free to contact me on (t.eden@bridgewaterhigh.com).

Yours sincerely,

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