

# Ansford Academy



A new Cisco Meraki and Smoothwall solution enhances the connectivity and security infrastructure for the staff and students of Ansford Academy.

**Location: Somerset | Number of Users: 720**

## The project

Ansford Academy prioritises everyone achieving their best through a supportive community and a commitment to growth. However, their current provider was discontinuing service, risking the loss of essential web and content filtering. On top of that, despite a 100Mbps connection, the academy only received 20Mbps, leading to slow speeds and poor coverage.

With the need for a reliable, high-speed internet solution, we stepped in to provide a much-needed upgrade!

## The solution

We provided Ansford Academy with a 1Gbps leased line, guaranteeing 100Mbps download and upload speeds, ensuring reliable access to resources.

For safety, we implemented a Smoothwall web and content filtering solution, offering real-time analysis to block inappropriate content and giving the IT manager control over web access.

Additionally, a new Cisco Meraki system delivered full Wi-Fi coverage across the campus. With our solutions, Ansford Academy achieved top-tier connectivity and security, ensuring a safe and efficient learning environment for staff and students.

## The result

As Smoothwall's web filtering enhanced security, protecting users from harmful content while giving the IT team full oversight, the Cisco Meraki WAN solution provided complete Wi-Fi coverage across the entire campus.

This integrated approach restored confidence in the academy's internet infrastructure, creating a secure, seamless learning environment and keeping Ansford at the forefront of educational technology.

“The transition over to our own leased line was smooth and the service provided has been excellent! Smoothwall is also a fantastic product and well worth the money”

Glenn Tracey, IT manager

