

About The South East Grid for Learning (SEGfL)

SEGfL (www.segfl.org.uk) is a not-for-profit public sector consortium established to give independent advice to schools about education broadband and related services.

We are part of the National Education Network (www.nen.org.uk) that uses Janet, the UK's Research and Education Network, to connect the region's schools to other schools, colleges and universities across the UK. (As well as the internet!)

SEGfL is an accelerator: demonstrating the economies and benefits of aggregating schools' purchasing power whilst developing improving standards of service and the implementation of standards for security, interoperability and eSafety.

Increasingly, schools are seeking more flexibility with broadband services. By aggregating demand, running OJEU procurements and arranging service contracts, SEGfL is able to assure individual schools, or groups of schools, that they will get best value services from our selected partners.

Membership of SEGfL enables access to:

Framework Agreements – contractual arrangements that allow schools and academies (singly or in groups) to purchase from 5 partner suppliers; Capita, Easynet, MDNX, Redcentric and RM.

The SEGfL Passport - a Single Sign On service providing secure access to the SEGfL Buying Association (SBA) and a wealth of curriculum resources;

The SEGfL Buying Association (SBA) - Schools can access advice and discounted prices on software through Softcat, our partner organisation. Other elements of the portal are developing. These will market SEGfL Associate services and a resource exchange for teachers. (See <http://www.sba.segfl.org.uk>);

Video Conferencing - SEGfL provides a standards based gatekeeper for all schools wishing to videoconference using high quality video and audio. The gatekeeper provides security for schools and is linked to the Janet Videoconference Service (JVCS) allowing schools to take advantage of all JVCS services;

Other Janet Services – Through our association with Janet, SEGfL provides schools with access other facilities, such as access management, block purchases and advice.