



# Kingswood Educational Centres swing into action with Kerio WinRoute Firewall

**P**Primary and Secondary schools—as well as Colleges & Special Groups—choose Kingswood year on year, because the company’s residential adventure activity centres have gained a great reputation over the last decade. The educational activity centres are located throughout the UK, in Norfolk, Staffordshire, The Isle Of Wight, The Lake & Peak Districts and Wales. They offer programmes that combine ICT, environmental and key skill learning alongside challenging and rewarding adventure activity programmes. With 100 staff the centres can deal with nearly 500 pupils at a time.

As part of its IT infrastructure the company had previously been using a Winproxy firewall, but this was becoming increasingly difficult to manage. It was also not a very user-friendly solution as there was no web administration. It was soon clear that a replacement firewall was required, so the IT team started to look around for suitable alternatives.



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#### **Kerio WinRoute Firewall**

- ▶ Clientless SSL VPN
- ▶ Bandwidth Limiter
- ▶ Anti-Virus Gateway Protection
- ▶ Excellent Statistics & Reporting
- ▶ Web Content Filter Option

### **30 Minutes Installation**

After researching the market, the ideal replacement firewall was found with lots of advanced features. Kerio WinRoute Firewall is an easy to use and secure firewall solution with Clientless SSL VPN, bandwidth limiter and content filtering, with excellent reporting and statistics. According to Mat Pinzone, set up of this firewall was straightforward, “The installation process was relatively easy. It was 30 minutes for complete installation.” The built-in configuration wizard radically simplifies the process of creating a set of necessary traffic rules, so setting up the firewall and connecting the network to the Internet is quick and easy.

### **Vital VPN**

Ease of use and cost-effectiveness were important, but the most vital requirement for the new firewall was the VPN (Virtual Private Network) facility. The Kerio VPN Server and Kerio VPN Client are an integral part of the secure remote access capabilities of Kerio WinRoute Firewall. Using Kerio’s VPN allows staff at the educational centres to remotely connect to the IT resources such as file servers, database servers or even printers that are otherwise hidden behind a firewall and inaccessible to anyone outside the company offices. Mat Pinzone confirms, “We rely quite heavily on the VPN connectivity of the firewall for sharing sensitive company documentation.”

