



Sherborne Girls: Bringing transparency to third-party activity

- Integrated a risk rating solution that brought transparency to vendor security
- Enforced GDPR requirements more effectively
- Discovered avenues for improving vendor security

About Sherborne Girls

Sherborne Girls is an independent girls boarding academy set in Dorset, offering academic courses and a range of co-curricular activities, including field sports. Since its inception in 1898, Sherborne Girls has been delivering high-quality education for girls, both in and out of the classroom.

Working with third-party agents

As an academic facility, Sherborne Girls performs various functions related to administration, admissions, and academic performance. To perform these functions adequately, they work with several vendors, trusting them to handle specific tasks.

However, sharing data with vendors has led to severe problems when it comes to vendor security. Since they are working with several vendors, Sherborne Girls has trouble monitoring their vendor's security standards. It is difficult for them to gauge best security practices that their vendors follow. With this challenge comes a host of questions—are they complying with GDPR? Is vendor security infrastructure up-to-date? Sherborne Girls was having trouble answering these questions.

To resolve these problems, Sherborne Girls needed a solution that would allow them to assess their vendor's security standards and quickly determine if they are following best cybersecurity practices. The goal was to ensure their data was secure and they were following best practices as per GDPR.



Scoring full marks with RiskXchange

Sherborne Girls first encountered RiskXchange at a cybersecurity conference in May 2021 when the platform came highly recommended by one of the key speakers at the event.

However, what impressed Sherborne Girls about RiskXchange, and the deciding factor for choosing the risk rating solution, was the simplicity of the platform. The RiskXchange platform came with a simple, intuitive dashboard that made vendor security easy to manage. With our vendor risk rating platform, the academy could easily compare information on their vendors and determine which of them was at most risk.

The boarding academy could also assess its security standards to identify weaknesses. The insight would help them assess their security standards and work out different solutions.

To set up the vendor risk rating solution, our engineers worked closely with the Sherborne Girls team to ensure it met their specific requirements. From initial inquiry to post-deployment, RiskXchange worked closely with the academic representatives to ensure the solution would meet their needs.

Transparency in vendor security

RiskXchange has brought clarity and simplicity to vendor security, which has allowed Sherborne Girls to improve vendor security and see where they stand compared to similar organisations.

The academy has been able to identify security weaknesses in their third parties and highlight these concerns with them to improve vendor security.

Furthermore, RiskXchange was able to identify and remove several legacy settings that were no longer active but still had potential risks, creating an environment where they could perpetually improve cybersecurity to better secure data and meet compliance requirements.

