

TUESDAY'S LIVE TOP TIP



OUR WEEKLY DOSE OF SMART BUSINESS AND FINANCE TOP TIPS



Test whether your backups can actually be Restored

Why?

A Backup Is Only Useful If It Works

- Schedule regular restore tests.
- Record the outcome and any issues identified.

Prepare for the Worst

- Consider ransomware, system failure and accidental deletion.
- Make sure critical information can be recovered quickly.

Benefit

Regularly testing backups provides assurance that systems and data can actually be recovered following a cyber incident, system failure or accidental loss. Simply receiving confirmation that a backup has completed does not demonstrate that the information is usable. Restore testing can identify corrupted, incomplete or inaccessible backups before an emergency occurs and helps schools understand how long recovery is likely to take, supporting stronger business continuity and cyber resilience.

Useful Resources

- NCSC – Backing Up Your Data
- DfE – Cyber Security Standards



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