

CCTV Policy

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1 Policy Statement

- 1.1 School uses Close Circuit Television ("CCTV") within the premises of the School. The purpose of this policy is to set out the position of the School as to the management, operation and use of the CCTV at the School.
- 1.2 This policy applies to all members of our Workforce, visitors to the School premises and all other persons whose images may be captured by the CCTV system.
- 1.3 This policy takes account of all applicable legislation and guidance, including:
 - 1.3.1 General Data Protection Regulation ("GDPR")
 - 1.3.2 [Data Protection Act 2018] (together the Data Protection Legislation)
 - 1.3.3 CCTV Code of Practice produced by the Information Commissioner
 - 1.3.4 Human Rights Act 1998
- 1.4 This policy sets out the position of the School in relation to its use of CCTV.

2 Purpose of CCTV

- 2.1 The School uses CCTV for the following purposes:
 - 2.1.1 To provide a safe and secure environment for pupils, staff and visitors
 - 2.1.2 To prevent the loss of or damage to the School buildings and/or assets
 - 2.1.3 To assist in the prevention of crime and assist law enforcement agencies in apprehending offenders

3 Description of system

- 3.1 At Downham the system is throughout the school, both inside and out. There are approximately 100 cameras at Downham. The cameras can record video only, they cannot record sound. Only the cameras in the playground move.
- 3.2 At Brockley the system covers the reception and the external approaches to the school. All the cameras are fixed and can only record video.

4 Siting of Cameras

- 4.1 All CCTV cameras will be sited in such a way as to meet the purpose for which the CCTV is operated. Cameras will be sited in prominent positions where they are clearly visible to staff, pupils and visitors.
- 4.2 Cameras will not be sited, so far as possible, in such a way as to record areas that are not intended to be the subject of surveillance. The School will make all reasonable efforts to ensure that areas outside of the School premises are not recorded.
- 4.3 Signs will be erected to inform individuals that they are in an area within which CCTV is in operation.
- 4.4 Cameras will not be sited in areas where individual have a heightened expectation of privacy, such as changing rooms or toilets.

5 Privacy Impact Assessment

- 5.1 Prior to the installation of any CCTV camera, or system, a privacy impact assessment will be conducted by the School to ensure that the proposed installation is compliant with legislation and ICO guidance.
- 5.2 The School will adopt a privacy by design approach when installing new cameras and systems, taking into account the purpose of each camera so as to avoid recording and storing excessive amounts of personal data.

6 Management and Access

- 6.1 The CCTV system will be managed by the School Business Director.
- 6.2 On a day to day basis the CCTV system will be operated by the School Business Director.
- 6.3 The viewing of live CCTV images will be restricted to members of Senior Leadership Team (SLT) and the Chair of Governors.
- 6.4 Recorded images which are stored by the CCTV system will be restricted to access by members of SLT and the Chair of Governors.
- 6.5 No other individual will have the right to view or access any CCTV images unless in accordance with the terms of this policy as to disclosure of images.
- 6.6 The CCTV system is checked Daily by the FM team to ensure that it is operating effectively

7 Storage and Retention of Images

- 7.1 Any images recorded by the CCTV system will be retained only for as long as necessary for the purpose for which they were originally recorded.
- 7.2 Recorded images are stored only for a period of 90 days unless there is a specific purpose for which they are retained for a longer period.

- 7.3 The School will ensure that appropriate security measures are in place to prevent the unlawful or inadvertent disclosure of any recorded images. The measures in place include:
 - 7.3.1 CCTV recording systems being located in restricted access areas;
 - 7.3.2 The CCTV system being encrypted/password protected;
 - 7.3.3 Restriction of the ability to make copies to specified members of staff
- 7.4 A log of any access to the CCTV images, including time and dates of access, and a record of the individual accessing the images, will be maintained by the School.

8 Disclosure of Images to Data Subjects

- 8.1 Any individual recorded in any CCTV image is a data subject for the purposes of the Data Protection Legislation, and has a right to request access to those images.
- 8.2 Any individual who requests access to images of themselves will be considered to have made a subject access request pursuant to the Data Protection Legislation. Such a request should be considered in the context of the School's Subject Access Request Policy.
- 8.3 When such a request is made the SLT will review the CCTV footage, in respect of relevant time periods where appropriate, in accordance with the request.
- 8.4 If the footage contains only the individual making the request then the individual may be permitted to view the footage. This must be strictly limited to that footage which contains only images of the individual making the request. The SLT must take appropriate measures to ensure that the footage is restricted in this way.
- 8.5 If the footage contains images of other individuals then the School must consider whether:
 - 8.5.1 The request requires the disclosure of the images of individuals other than the requester, for example whether the images can be distorted so as not to identify other individuals:
 - 8.5.2 The other individuals in the footage have consented to the disclosure of the images, or their consent could be obtained; or
 - 8.5.3 If not, then whether it is otherwise reasonable in the circumstances to disclose those images to the individual making the request.
- 8.6 A record must be kept, and held securely, of all disclosures which sets out:
 - 8.6.1 When the request was made;

- 8.6.2 The process followed by SLT in determining whether the images contained third parties;
- 8.6.3 The considerations as to whether to allow access to those images;
- 8.6.4 The individuals that were permitted to view the images and when; and
- 8.6.5 Whether a copy of the images was provided, and if so to whom, when and in what format.

9 Disclosure of Images to Third Parties

- 9.1 The School will only disclose recorded CCTV images to third parties where it is permitted to do so in accordance with the Data Protection Legislation.
- 9.2 CCTV images will only be disclosed to law enforcement agencies in line with the purposes for which the CCTV system is in place.
- 9.3 If a request is received form a law enforcement agency for disclosure of CCTV images then members of SLT must follow the same process as above in relation to subject access requests. Detail should be obtained from the law enforcement agency as to exactly what they want the CCTV images for, and any particular individuals of concern. This will then enable proper consideration to be given to what should be disclosed, and the potential disclosure of any third party images.
- 9.4 The information above must be recorded in relation to any disclosure.
- 9.5 If an order is granted by a Court for disclosure of CCTV images then this should be complied with. However very careful consideration must be given to exactly what the Court order requires. If there are any concerns as to disclosure then the Data Protection Officer should be contacted in the first instance and appropriate legal advice may be required.

10 Review of Policy and CCTV System

- 10.1 This policy will be reviewed yearly
- 10.2 The CCTV system and the privacy impact assessment relating to it will be reviewed yearly

11 Misuse of CCTV systems

- 11.1 The misuse of CCTV system could constitute a criminal offence.
- Any member of staff who breaches this policy may be subject to disciplinary action.

12 Complaints relating to this policy

12.1 Any complaints relating to this policy or to the CCTV system operated by the School should be made in accordance with the School Complaints Policy.

CCTV PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESSMENT TEMPLATE

Pupils, staff, parents / carers, volunteers, Governors and other visitors including members of the public

2 What personal data will be processed?

1 Who will be captured on CCTV?

Facial Images, behaviour

3 What are the purposes for operating the CCTV system? Set out the problem that the School is seeking to address and why the CCTV is the best solution and the matter cannot be addressed by way of less intrusive means.

Prevention or detection of crime, safeguarding of children

4 What is the lawful basis for operating the CCTV system?

Legal Obligation, legitimate interests of the organisation to maintain health and safety and to prevent and investigate crime

5 Who is/are the named person(s) responsible for the operation of the system?

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- 6 Describe the CCTV system, including:
 - a. how this has been chosen to ensure that clear images are produced so that the images can be used for the purpose for which they are obtained;
 - b. siting of the cameras and why such locations were chosen;

- c. how cameras have been sited to avoid capturing images which are not necessary for the purposes of the CCTV system;
- d. where signs notifying individuals that CCTV is in operation are located and why those locations were chosen; and
- e. whether the system enables third party data to be redacted, for example via blurring of details of third party individuals.

The system at Downham was designed as part of the building of the school to protect the children, staff and buildings. A professional company came in and advised the builders on how the system should be configured.

The system at Brockley was installed following break ins at the school. It is used to protect the property.

Cameras are angled to ensure they do not record areas that are not school property.

Signs are placed at the entrances to the sites.

The current software does not allow for the blurring of images.

7 Set out the details of any sharing with third parties, including processors

Police, subject access, etc.

Storage is within the school and not cloud based.

8 Set out the retention period of any recordings, including why those periods have been chosen

Retention is 90 days to allow follow up to any allegations made.

Where an allegation is made images are then stored until the complaint is dealt with.

9 Set out the security measures in place to ensure that recordings are captured and stored securely

The system is password protected and the actual hard drives kept in secure areas.

10 What are the risks to the rights and freedoms of individuals who may be captured on the CCTV recordings?	
 For example: Is it fair to record them in the way proposed? How is the amount of data processed to be minimised? What are the risks of the system being accessed unlawfully? What are the potential data breach risks? What are the risks during any transfer of recordings, or when disclosed to third parties such as the police? 	
11 What measures are in place to address the risks identified?	
12 Have parents and pupils where appropriate been consulted as to the use of the CCTV system? If so, what views were expressed and how have these been accounted for?	
13 When will this privacy impact assessment be reviewed?	
Approval: This assessment was approved by the Data Protection Officer:	
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Date