

WESTFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

CCTV Policy

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Introduction

The school recognises that CCTV systems can be privacy intrusive. For this reason, the school has evaluated whether the CCTV system in place is a necessary and proportionate means of achieving the legitimate objectives set out below.

The result of this evaluation has informed the school's use of CCTV and the contents of this policy.

This policy shall be reviewed annually. Whenever new equipment is introduced, a review will be conducted and a risk assessment put in place.

Objectives

The purpose of the CCTV system is to assist the school in reaching the following objectives

- To protect pupils, staff and visitors against harm to their person and/or property
- To increase a sense of personal safety and reduce the fear of crime
- To protect the school buildings and assets
- To support the police in preventing and detecting crime
- To assist in identifying, apprehending and prosecuting offenders
- To assist in establishing cause of accidents and other adverse incidents and prevent reoccurrence
- To assist in managing the school

Purpose of This Policy

The purpose of this Policy is to regulate the management, operation and use of the CCTV system (closed circuit television) at the school. The CCTV system used by the school comprises of:

Camera	Location	Sound	Recording Capacity	Swivel or Fixed
CAMERA 1 DS-2CD2742FWD-I day/night vandal resistant IP colour dome camera	Sited: School Front Entrance Viewing: Pedestrian Gate	N	Y	F
CAMERA 2 DS-2CD2742FWD-I day/night vandal resistant IP colour dome camera	Sited: School Front Entrance Viewing: Vehicle Gate	N	Y	F
CAMERA 3 DS-2CD2742FWD-I day/night vandal resistant IP colour dome camera	Sited: Right Hand Side of Main School Building Viewing: Year One Entrance	N	Y	F

CAMERA 4 DS-2CD2742FWD-I day/night vandal resistant IP colour dome camera	Sited: Reception Play Area Viewing: Reception Play Area	N	Y	F
CAMERA 5 DS-2CD2742FWD-I day/night vandal resistant IP colour dome camera	Sited: Front Right Hand Corner of Entrance Lobby Viewing: Entrance Lobby & Hatch Area	N	Y	F
CAMERA 6 DS-2CD2742FWD-(H)(2)(B) day/night bullet IP colour camera	Sited: Side of Chimney Breast Viewing: Flat Roof Area	N	Y	F
CAMERA 7 DS-2CD2742FWD-(H)(2)(B) day/night bullet IP colour camera	Sited: Left Side of School Front Entrance Viewing: Towards Bike Shed and Rear Gates of Staff Car Park	N	Y	F
CAMERA 8 DS-2CD2742FWD-(H)(2)(B) day/night bullet IP colour camera	Sited: Left Hand Side Wall of Playground by Far Entrance Viewing: Rear Entrance Gate	N	Y	F
CAMERA 9 Hikvision day and night colour IP	Sited: Year One Facia Board Viewing: Nursery Entrance Gate	N	Y	F
CAMERA 10 Hikvision day and night colour IP	Sited: Zen Den Facia Board Left Hand Side Viewing: Covered Seating Area & Front Gate	N	Y	F
CAMERA 11 Hikvision day and night colour IP	Sited: Zen Den Facia Board Right Hand Side Viewing: Entrance Path towards Playground Gate & Pond	N	Y	F
CAMERA 12 Hikvision day and night colour IP	Sited: Rear wall of Gym High Level Viewing: Main Entrance Secondary Gates & Pod Building	N	Y	F
CAMERA 13 Hikvision day and night colour IP	Sited: Right Side of School Front Entrance Viewing: Main School Entrance & Car Park	N	Y	F

CCTV cameras are not installed in areas in which individuals would have an expectation of privacy, such as toilets, changing facilities, etc.

Statement of Intent

CCTV Cameras are installed in such a way that they are not hidden from view. Signs are predominantly displayed where relevant so that staff, students, visitors and members of the public are made aware that they are entering an area covered by CCTV. The signs also contain contact details as well as a statement of purposes for which CCTV is used.

The CCTV system will seek to comply with the requirements of the Data Protection Act, UK GDPR and the most recent Commissioner's Code of Practice.

The school will treat the system, all information, documents and recordings (both those obtained and those subsequently used) as data protected under the Act.

The system has been designed so far as possible to deny observation on adjacent private homes, gardens and other areas of private property.

Materials or knowledge secured as a result of CCTV will not be used for any commercial purpose.

Images will only be released to the media for use in the investigation of a specific crime with the written authority of the police. Images will never be released to the media for purposes of entertainment.

The planning and design has endeavoured to ensure that the system will give maximum effectiveness and efficiency but it is not possible to guarantee that the system will cover or detect every single incident taking place in the areas of coverage.

Warning signs, as required by the Code of Practice of the Information Commissioner will be clearly visible on the site and make clear who is responsible for the equipment.

Where wireless communication takes place between cameras and a receiver, signals shall be encrypted to prevent interception.

CCTV images are not retained for longer than necessary, taking into account the purposes for which they are processed. Data storage is automatically overwritten by the system after a period of 30 days.

Recorded images will only be retained long enough for any incident to come to light (e.g. for a theft to be noticed) and the incident to be investigated. In the absence of compelling need to retain images for longer (such as an ongoing investigation or legal action), data will be retained for no longer than 6 months.

System Management

Access to the CCTV system and data shall be password protected and will be kept in a secure area.

The CCTV system will be administered and managed by Lee Savill, Premises Manager who will act as System Manager and take responsibility for restricting access, in accordance with the principles and objectives expressed in this policy.

In the absence of the Systems Manager the system will be managed by Cheryl Royle, School Business Manager.

The system and data collected will only be available to the Systems Manager, his replacement and appropriate members of the senior leadership team as determined by the Headteacher.

The CCTV system is designed to be in operation 24 hours each day, every day of the year, though the school does not guarantee that it will be working during these hours.

The System Manager will check and confirm the efficiency of the system regularly and in particular that the equipment is properly recording and that cameras are functional.

Cameras have been selected and positioned so as to best achieve the objectives set out in this policy in particular by proving clear, usable images. All cameras are fixed and therefore not able to move to be directed at an individual, their property or a specific group of individuals.

Where a person other than the managers designated above, requests access to the CCTV data or system, the System Manager must satisfy him/herself of the identity and legitimacy of purpose of any person making such request. Where any doubt exists access will be refused.

Details of all requested viewings of CCTV images will be recorded in the CCTV Access Log including date & time of viewing, person(s) viewing, date & time of footage being viewed and reason for viewing.

Downloading Captured Data onto Other Media

In order to maintain and preserve the integrity of the data (and to ensure their admissibility in any legal proceedings) any download media used to record events from the hard drive must be prepared in accordance with the following procedures:

- Each downloaded media must be identified by a unique mark.
- Before use, each downloaded media must be cleaned of any previous recording.
- The System Manager will register the date and time of downloaded media insertion, including its reference.
- Downloaded media required for evidential purposes must be sealed, witnessed and signed by the System Manager, then dated and stored in a separate secure evidence store. If a downloaded media is not copied for the police before it is sealed, a copy may be made at a later date providing that it is then resealed, witnessed and signed by the System Manager, then dated and returned to the evidence store.
- If downloaded media is archived the reference must be noted.

- If downloaded media is put onto a device, the device will be encrypted and password protected.

Images may be viewed by the police for the prevention and detection of crime and by the Systems Manager, his/her replacement and the Headteacher and other authorised senior leaders. However, where one of these people may be later called as a witness to an offence and where the data content may be used as evidence, it shall be preferable if possible, for that person to withhold viewing of the data until asked to do so by the police.

A record will be maintained of the viewing or release of any downloaded media to the police or other authorised applicants.

Should images be required as evidence, a copy may be released to the police under the procedures described in this policy. Images will only be released to the police on the clear understanding that the downloaded media (and any images contained thereon) remains the property of the school, and downloaded media (and any images contained thereon) are to be treated in accordance with Data Protection legislation. The school also retains the right to refuse permission for the police to pass the downloaded media (and any images contained thereon) to any other person. On occasions when a Court requires the release of a downloaded media this will be produced from the secure evidence store, complete in its sealed bag.

The police may require the school to retain the downloaded media for possible use as evidence in the future. Such downloaded media will be properly indexed and securely stored until they are needed by the police.

Applications received from outside bodies (e.g. solicitors or parents) to view or release images will be referred to the school's Data Protection Officer and a decision made by a senior leader of the school in consultation with the school's Data Protection Officer.

Complaints about the Use of CCTV

Any complaints in relation to the school's CCTV system should be addressed to the School Business Manager.

Request for Access by the Data Subject

The Data Protection Act provides Data Subjects (those whose image has been captured by the CCTV system and can be identified) with a right to data held about themselves, including those obtained by CCTV. Requests for such data should be made to the School Business Manager and responded to within 1 calendar month, including outside of term time.

Public Information

Copies of this policy will be available to the public from the school office.