



9.0 CCTV Policy

Fairfield Primary School

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9.1. Introduction

1.1 The purpose of this Policy is to regulate the management, operation and use of the closed circuit television (CCTV) system at Fairfield Primary School.

1.2 The system comprises a number of fixed cameras located around the school site. All CCTV recorders are password protected and monitoring is only available to authorised staff.

1.3 This Policy follows Data Protection guidelines, including guidance from the Information Commissioner's Office and the Surveillance Camera Commissioner.

1.4 The CCTV system is owned by the school

1.5 Authorised Staff

- Headteacher
- Senior Leadership Team Members
- School Business Officer
- Premises Manager

9.2. Purposes of the CCTV scheme

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- (a) To protect the school buildings and their assets
 - (b) To increase personal safety and reduce the fear of crime
 - (c) To support the Police in a bid to deter and detect crime
 - (d) To assist in identifying, apprehending and prosecuting offenders
 - (e) To assist with the safeguarding and supervision of pupils

2.2 The school has identified the following legal bases for processing CCTV footage which will include personal data; UK GDPR Article 6(1)e (public task) and Article 9(2)(g) (substantial public interest) and Data Protection Act 2018 Schedule 1, paragraph 10 (preventing or detecting unlawful acts) and paragraph 36 processing criminal category data for purposes of substantial public interest.

9.3. Statement of intent

3.1 The School will seek to comply with the requirements of the Data Protection Act (["the Act"](#)), [the Information Commissioner's Guidance on Video Surveillance](#) and the Surveillance Camera Commissioner's Code of Practice.

3.2 The School will treat the system and all information, documents and recordings obtained and used as personal data which are protected by the Act.

3.3 Cameras will be used to monitor activities within the school to identify criminal activity actually occurring, anticipated, or perceived, and for the purpose of securing the safety and well-being of members of the school community and members of the public.

3.4 Materials or knowledge obtained as a result of CCTV will not be used for any commercial purpose. Recordings will only be released to the media for use in the investigation of a specific crime and with the written authority of the police. Recordings will never be released to the media for purposes of entertainment.

3.5 The planning and design has endeavoured to ensure that the Scheme 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.

3.6 Cameras will not record any private premises.

3.7 Signs that inform people of the existence of CCTV, as required by the Code of Practice of the Information Commissioner have been placed at access routes to areas covered by the school CCTV.

3.8 A log is kept of Authorised Staff access to Recorded Images (template below)

9.4. Operation of and Access to the system

4.1 The Scheme is administered and managed by the headteacher in accordance with the principles and objectives expressed in this policy.

4.2 Images can be accessed by speaking to the office and administration team.

4.3 Live feeds are available in the main reception from the CCTV recorder control console. Live feeds are available to authorised staff for the management of the school, security of the site and safety of staff and pupils.

4.4 The CCTV system will be operated 24 hours each day, every day of the year.

4.5 CCTV recordings will be available for days unless copied to removable media (CDs,DVDs or Tapes etc). After this time any recordings will be automatically overwritten. Where CCTV is copied to be retained for longer periods this will be documented and justified in the Access Log. In this case, the footage will be held in accordance with the School Retention Schedule.

9.5. Printed and Recording Media Procedures

5.1 In the event of an incident requiring footage from the system to be retrieved and stored the following procedure should be followed:-

- The details of the incident should be passed to the Headteacher, who will authorise the use of the system by an authorised user.
- The relevant footage will be identified.
- An entry shall be made on the Recorded Image Viewing Log.
- If the footage is required for investigation then the User will produce a copy. The Date and Time of the recorded extract will be registered and stored in a secure place.
- The footage may only be viewed by Authorised Staff.
- A record of all viewings shall be made, which if required as evidence, may be released to the Police.
- Applications received from outside bodies or Subject Access Requests to view or release records will be notified to the Headteacher.

9.6. Assessment of the System

6.1 The School Business Manager] will check and confirm the screen and cameras are working daily.

6.2 Regular reviews of the system's operation will take place and any necessary changes in procedure and camera sighting/position will be implemented.

6.3 The Headteacher and DPO will carry out an annual review of the use of CCTV, using the Annual Review Checklist below.

6.4 The school will carry out a Data Protection Impact Assessment to review the use of CCTV **whenever** there is any significant change to the use of the system or the purpose for which is it used.

6.4 If out of hours emergency maintenance arises, the Headteacher, Site Manager or School Business Officer must be satisfied of the identity and purpose of contractors before allowing entry.

9.7. Breaches of the policy (including breaches of security)

7.1 Any breach of this Policy by school staff will be initially investigated by the Headteacher, in order for him/her to take the appropriate disciplinary action.

7.2 Any serious breach of this Policy will be immediately investigated and an independent investigation carried out to make recommendations on how to remedy the breach.

9.8. Complaints

8.1 Any complaints about the school's CCTV system should be addressed to the Headteacher.

8.2 Complaints will be investigated in accordance with the school's complaint Policy.

9.9. Access by the Data Subject

9.1 The Data Protection Act provides Data Subjects (individuals to whom "personal data" relate) with a right to access copies of data held about themselves, including those obtained by CCTV.

9.2 Requests for Data Subject Access should be made in accordance with the Subject Access Request Procedure.