

Bedroom Monitoring Policy

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Kings Mill School & Residence



What is it

The system installed in the residence bedroom can be set to monitor the individual needs of students enabling the waking night staff to respond quickly to any issue arising in-between their half hour rounds of the building. It is physically compact and portable and can run on its own battery or with a mains transformer. The system we use is a monitoring system which alerts staff to children in distress it does not listen in or watch but uses pressure and moisture sensors to raise an alarm

The monitoring system can alert staff to someone having a seizure, having a wet bed, being sick, or being out of bed for too long, for the two special care bedrooms it can also be set to alert staff if children stop breathing (apnea).

In addition in public areas we use commercially available “baby” monitors to alert us to movement in communal areas, this system would also alert staff to someone shouting for help.

What it cannot do and what we would not want it to do

The system cannot monitor anything visually, staff cannot listen in to the room or communicate with the children through it, nor can it record anything either visually or audibly and we would not want it to.

What we do with it

Each student who stays with us in the Residence is risk assessed for the monitoring system and we only connect the equipment we consider is required for that child, for example if a student has a history of epilepsy and is nocturnally dry we would only install and connect the seizure monitor. For students who require only the regular, physical night staff half hourly check we would turn off the system at that bed or remove it from the room altogether.

Each piece of monitoring equipment connects to the hub by wire; if we consider that this itself poses a risk to students we would remove the whole thing from the room.

Why we ask you for permission to use it

The system we use is a monitoring system which alerts staff to children in distress it does not listen in or watch but uses pressure and moisture sensors to raise an alarm, never-the-less it is in the child's bedroom and we would like your permission to use it as required.

If you do not feel able to give your permission it will not be switched on and may be removed altogether, your child will still be monitored physically by night staff checking the room every half hour.

We ask all parents for their permission even when we have assessed that the child would not require this heightened level of supervision.

Tim Gowthorpe
Reviewed April 2017

Parental/Carer agreement to use the bedroom monitoring system

I /we agree / do not agree (please delete as appropriate) to the use of the bedroom monitoring system as used at the Residence at Kings Mill School.

We understand that its use is to assist staff to keep children safe and enable them to react to emergencies which may occur between the physical rounds .and is not used as a surveillance system.

I/we (delete as appropriate) understand that if we do not agree to the monitoring system being used it will be removed from the bedroom when our child stays in the Residence.

Child's name: _____

Signed: _____

Print name: _____

Date: _____

Signed: _____

Print name: _____

Date: _____

Please return to Tim Gowthorpe at the Residence.

Thank you.