

School Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Policy

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Someries Junior School uses closed circuit television (CCTV) images to reduce crime and monitor the school buildings in order to provide a safe and secure environment for pupils, staff and visitors, and to prevent the loss or damage to school property.
- 1.2 The system comprises of a number of fixed and dome cameras.
- 1.3 The system does not have sound recording capability.
- 1.4 The CCTV system is owned and operated by the school and the deployment of which is determined by the school's senior leadership team (SLT).
- 1.5 The CCTV is monitored centrally from the head teacher's office by SLT, the family worker and the site agent.
- 1.6 The introduction of, or changes to, CCTV monitoring will be subject to consultation with staff and the school community.
- 1.7 The school's CCTV Scheme is registered with the Information Commissioner under the terms of the Data Protection Act 1998. The use of CCTV, and the associated images and any sound recordings, is covered by the Data Protection Act 1998. This policy outlines the school's use of CCTV and how it complies with the Act.
- 1.8 All authorised operators and employees with access to images are aware of the procedures that need to be followed when accessing the recorded images and sound. All operators are trained by the school data controller in their responsibilities under the CCTV Code of Practice. All employees are aware of the restrictions in relation to access to, and disclosure of, recorded images and sound.

2. Statement of Intent

- 2.1 CCTV warning signs will be clearly and prominently placed at all external entrances to the school, including school gates. Signs will contain details of the purpose for using CCTV. In areas where CCTV is used, the school will ensure that there are prominent signs placed at both the entrance of the CCTV zone and within the controlled area.
- 2.2 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.
- 2.3 It is a requirement of the Data Protection Act 1998 to notify people entering a CCTV protected area that the area is monitored by CCTV and that pictures are recorded. The school is to ensure that this requirement is fulfilled.
- 2.4 The CCTV cameras and computer are on a wholly separate physical network from our school computer and phone network. This means that no one from outside of school can gain access to footage from the cameras.

3. Siting the Cameras

- 3.1 Cameras will be sited so they only capture images relevant to the purposes for which they are installed and care will be taken to ensure that reasonable privacy expectations are not violated. The School will ensure that the location of equipment is carefully considered to ensure that images captured comply with the Data Protection Act.
- 3.2 The school will make every effort to position cameras so that their coverage is restricted to the school premises, which may include outdoor areas. These are sited to record pictures in corridor areas, by entrances and outside the school buildings (but within the school grounds).
- 3.3 CCTV will not be used in classrooms.
- 3.4 Members of staff should have access to details of where CCTV cameras are situated.



4. Storage and Retention of CCTV images

- 4.1 Recorded data will not be retained for longer than is necessary. While retained, the integrity of the recordings will be maintained to ensure their evidential value and to protect the rights of the people whose images have been recorded.
- 4.2 All retained data will be stored securely.

5. Access to CCTV images

- 5.1 Access to recorded images will be restricted to those staff authorised to view them, and will not be made more widely available.

6. Subject Access Requests (SAR)

- 6.1 Individuals have the right to request access to CCTV footage relating to themselves under the Data Protection Act. All requests should be made in writing to the Headteacher.
- 6.2 Parents or individuals submitting requests for access will be asked to provide sufficient information (date, time and location) to enable the footage to be identified.
- 6.3 To avoid infringing on the rights of other individuals, copies of footage will not be provided. Instead parents will be invited to view the footage on school premises.
- 6.4 The school reserves the right to refuse access to CCTV footage where this would prejudice the legal rights of other individuals or jeopardise an ongoing investigation.

7. Access to and Disclosure of Images to Third Parties

- 7.1 There will be no disclosure of recorded data to third parties other than to authorised personnel such as the Police and service providers to the school where these would reasonably need access to the data (e.g. investigators).
- 7.2 Requests should be made in writing to the Headteacher.
- 7.3 The data may be used within the school's discipline and grievance procedures as required, and will be subject to the usual confidentiality requirements of those procedures.

8. Complaints

- 8.1 Complaints and enquiries about the operation of CCTV within the school should be directed to the Headteacher.

Policy to be reviewed and adopted by the FGB Curriculum Committee on 26.03.18

(Based on City of Bradford model policy)

Appendix - Checklist

This CCTV system and the images produced by it are controlled by the head teacher who is responsible for how the system is used and for notifying the Information Commissioner about the CCTV system and its purpose (which is a legal requirement of the Data Protection Act 1998).

Somerles Junior School has considered the need for using CCTV and have decided it is required for the prevention and detection of crime, for the investigation of behaviour incidents and for protecting the safety of pupils, staff and visitors.

	Checked (Date)	By	Date of next review
Notification has been submitted to the Information Commissioner and the next renewal date recorded.			
There is a named individual who is responsible for the operation of the system.	14/3/18	JH	
A system had been chosen which produces clear images which the law enforcement bodies (usually the police) can use to investigate crime and these can easily be taken from the system when required.	14/3/18	JH	
Cameras have been sited so that they provide clear images.	14/3/18	JH	
Cameras have been positioned to avoid capturing the images of persons not visiting the premises.	14/3/18	JH	
There are visible signs showing that CCTV is in operation. Where it is not obvious who is responsible for the system contact details are displayed on the sign(s).			
Images from this CCTV system are securely stored, where only a limited number of authorised persons may have access to them.			
The 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.			
Except for law enforcement bodies, images will not be provided to third parties.	14/3/18	JH	
The organisation knows how to respond to individuals making requests for copies of their own images. If unsure the controller knows to seek advice from the Information Commissioner as soon as such a request is made.			
Regular checks are carried out to ensure that the system is working properly and produces high quality images.			