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Our Mission Statement:

Trafford Alternative Education Provision is committed to providing....

A 21st Century education that promotes the academic, emotional and social development of our students. Our aim is to create a holistic, nurturing and inspiring environment where students are supported and encouraged to take charge of their lives, their learning and their decisions. Every student will have an understanding of their personal journey, challenges and future opportunities. All will be encouraged to become independent thinkers and learn to value and respect others thus enabling them to meet the challenges of the wider world. In partnership with parents, carers, schools and outside agencies we will provide students and staff with a positive and supportive learning experience.

We will achieve our vision by constantly thinking about the bigger picture, working as one team, valuing our staff and their continual development and by frequently reviewing, debating and developing the curriculum.



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1. Aims

The Purpose of this policy is to regulate the management, operation and use of the CCTV system (Closed Circuit Television)

CCTV systems are installed in premises for the purpose of enhancing security of the building and its associated equipment as well as creating a mindfulness among the occupants, at any one time that a surveillance security system is in operation within and/or in the external environment of the premises during both the daylight and night hours each day.

This policy aims to set out the school's approach to the operation, management and usage of surveillance and closed-circuit television (CCTV) systems on school property.

1.1 Statement of intent

The purpose of the CCTV system is to:

- Make members of the school community feel safe
- Protect members of the school community from harm to themselves or to their property
- Deter criminality in the school
- Protect school assets and buildings
- Assist police to deter and detect crime
- Determine the cause of accidents

- Assist in the effective resolution of any disputes which may arise during disciplinary and grievance proceedings
- To assist in the defense of any litigation proceedings

The CCTV system will not be used to:

- Encroach on an individual's right to privacy
- Monitor people in spaces where they have a heightened expectation of privacy (including toilets and changing rooms)
- Follow particular individuals, unless there is an ongoing emergency incident occurring
- Pursue any other purposes than the ones stated above

The list of uses of CCTV is not exhaustive and other purposes may be or become relevant.

The CCTV system is registered with the Information Commissioner under the terms of the Data Protection Act 2018. The system complies with the requirements of the Data Protection Act 2018 and UK GDPR.

Footage or any information gleaned through the CCTV system will never be used for commercial purposes.

In the unlikely event that the police request that CCTV footage be released to the media, the request will only be complied with when written authority has been provided by the police, and only to assist in the investigation of a specific crime.

The footage generated by the system should be of good enough quality to be of use to the police or the court in identifying suspects.

2. Legislation

2. Relevant legislation and guidance

This policy is based on:

2.1 Legislation

- [UK General Data Protection Regulation](#)
- [Data Protection Act 2018](#)
- [Human Rights Act 1998](#)
- [European Convention on Human Rights](#)
- [The Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000](#)
- [The Protection of Freedoms Act 2012](#)
- [The Freedom of Information Act 2000](#)
- [The Education \(Pupil Information\) \(England\) Regulations 2005 \(as amended in 2016\)](#)

- [The Freedom of Information and Data Protection \(Appropriate Limit and Fees\) Regulations 2004](#)
- [The School Standards and Framework Act 1998](#)
- [The Children Act 1989](#)
- [The Children Act 2004](#)
- [The Equality Act 2010](#)

2.2 Guidance

➤ [Surveillance Camera Code of Practice \(2021\)](#)

3. Definitions

Surveillance: the act of watching a person or a place

CCTV: closed circuit television; video cameras used for surveillance

Covert surveillance: operation of cameras in a place where people have not been made aware they are under surveillance

4. Covert Surveillance

Covert surveillance will only be used in extreme circumstances, such as where there is suspicion of a criminal offence. If the situation arises where covert surveillance is needed, the proper authorisation forms from the Home Office will be completed and retained.

5. Location of the cameras

Cameras are located in places that require monitoring in order to achieve the aims of the CCTV system (stated in section 1.1).

Cameras are located in:

All classrooms and corridors of the school premises

External areas of the building

All staff are aware of the siting of the CCTV cameras

Cameras are not and will not be aimed off school grounds into public spaces or people's private property.

Cameras are positioned in order to maximise coverage, but there is no guarantee that all incidents will be captured on camera.

6. Roles and responsibilities

6.1 The Governing Board (Management Committee)

The governing board has the ultimate responsibility for ensuring the CCTV system is operated within the parameters of this policy and that the relevant legislation (defined in section 2.1) is complied with.

6.2 The Executive headteacher

The Executive headteacher will:

- Take responsibility for all day-to-day leadership and management of the CCTV system
- Liaise with the data protection officer (DPO) to ensure that the use of the CCTV system is in accordance with the stated aims and that its use is needed and justified
- Ensure that the guidance set out in this policy is followed by all staff
- Review the CCTV policy to check that the school is compliant with legislation
- Ensure all persons with authorisation to access the CCTV system and footage have received proper training from the DPO/ DP Contact in the use of the system and in data protection
- Sign off on any expansion or upgrading to the CCTV system, after having taken advice from the DPO and taken into account the result of a data protection impact assessment
- Decide, in consultation with the DPO, whether to comply with disclosure of footage requests from third parties

6.3 The Data Protection Officer/ Data Protection Contact

The data protection officer/ contact (DPO) will:

- Train persons with authorisation to access the CCTV system and footage in the use of the system and in data protection
- Train all staff to recognise a subject access request
- Deal with subject access requests in line with the UK GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018
- Monitor compliance with UK data protection law
- Advise on and assist the school with carrying out data protection impact assessments
- Act as a point of contact for communications from the Information Commissioner's Office
- Conduct data protection impact assessments
- Ensure data is handled in accordance with data protection legislation
- Ensure footage is obtained in a legal, fair and transparent manner
- Ensure footage is destroyed when it falls out of the retention period
- Keep accurate records of all data processing activities and make the records public on request

- Inform subjects of how footage of them will be used by the school, what their rights are, and how the school will endeavour to protect their personal information
- Ensure that the CCTV systems are working properly and that the footage they produce is of high quality so that individuals pictured in the footage can be identified
- Ensure that the CCTV system is not infringing on any individual's reasonable right to privacy in public spaces
- Carry out termly checks to determine whether footage is being stored accurately, and being deleted after the retention period
- Receive and consider requests for third-party access to CCTV footage

6.4 The system manager

The system manager will:

- Take care of the day-to-day maintenance and operation of the CCTV system
- Oversee the security of the CCTV system and footage
- Check the system for faults and security flaws termly
- Ensure the data and time stamps are accurate termly

7. Operation of the CCTV system

The CCTV system will be operational 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

The school is registered with the Information Commissioner's Office.

The system does have the ability to record audio; however the audio will not be used unless prior agreement with the employee/ Trade Union Representative.

Recordings will have date and time stamps. This will be checked by the system manager termly and when the clocks change.

8. Storage of CCTV footage

Footage will be retained for 44 days. At the end of the retention period, the files will be overwritten automatically.

On occasion footage may be retained for longer than 44 days, for example where a law enforcement body is investigating a crime, to give them the opportunity to view the images as part of an active investigation.

Recordings will be downloaded and encrypted, so that the data will be secure and its integrity maintained, so that it can be used as evidence if required.

The DPO/ Contact will carry out termly checks to determine whether footage is being stored accurately, and being deleted after the retention period.

9. Access to CCTV footage

Access will only be given to authorised persons, for the purpose of pursuing the aims stated in section 1.1, or if there is a lawful reason to access the footage.

Any individuals that access the footage must record their name, the date and time, and the reason for access in the access log.

Any visual display monitors will be positioned so only authorised personnel will be able to see the footage.

9.1 Staff access

The following members of staff have authorisation to access the CCTV footage:

- The headteacher
- The deputy head
- The data protection officer/ contact
- The system manager
- Anyone with express permission of the headteacher

CCTV footage will only be accessed from authorised personnel's work devices, or from the visual display monitors.

All members of staff who have access will undergo training to ensure proper handling of the system and footage.

Any member of staff who misuses the surveillance system may be committing a criminal offence, and will face disciplinary action.

9.2 Subject access requests (SAR)

According to UK GDPR and DPA 2018, individuals have the right to request a copy of any CCTV footage of themselves.

Upon receiving the request the school will immediately issue a receipt, seek advice from Trafford Data Protection team and will then respond within 30 days during term time. The school reserves the right to extend that deadline during holidays due to difficulties accessing appropriate staff members.

The DPO has received training to recognise a SAR. When a SAR is received staff should inform the DPO in writing. When making a request, individuals should provide the school with reasonable information such as the date, time and location the footage was taken to aid school staff in locating the footage.

On occasion the school will reserve the right to refuse a SAR, if, for example, the release of the footage to the subject would prejudice an ongoing investigation.

Images that may identify other individuals need to be obscured to prevent unwarranted identification. The school will attempt to conceal their identities by blurring out their faces, or redacting parts of the footage. If this is not possible the school will seek their consent before releasing the footage. If consent is not forthcoming the still images may be released instead.

The school reserves the right to charge a reasonable fee to cover the administrative costs of complying with an SAR that is repetitive, unfounded or excessive.

Footage that is disclosed in a SAR will be disclosed securely to ensure only the intended recipient has access to it.

Records will be kept that show the date of the disclosure, details of who was provided with the information (the name of the person and the organisation they represent), and why they required it.

Individuals wishing to make an SAR can find more information about their rights, the process of making a request, and what to do if they are dissatisfied with the response to the request on the [ICO website](#).

9.3 Third-party access

CCTV footage will only be shared with a third party to further the aims of the CCTV system set out in section 1.1 (e.g. assisting the police in investigating a crime).

Footage will only ever be shared with authorised personnel such as law enforcement agencies, tenants or other service providers who reasonably need access to the footage (e.g. investigators).

All requests for access should be set out in writing and sent to the headteacher and the DPO.

The school will comply with any court orders that grant access to the CCTV footage. The school will provide the courts with the footage they need without giving them unrestricted access. The DPO will consider very carefully how much footage to disclose, and seek legal advice if necessary.

The DPO will ensure that any disclosures that are made are done in compliance with UK GDPR.

All disclosures will be recorded by the DPO.

10. Data protection impact assessment (DPIA)

The school follows the principle of privacy by design. Privacy is taken into account during every stage of the deployment of the CCTV system, including the replacement, development and upgrading.

The system is used only for the purpose of fulfilling its aims (stated in section 1.1).

When the CCTV system is replaced, developed or upgraded a DPIA will be carried out to be sure the aim of the system is still justifiable, necessary and proportionate.

The DPO will provide guidance on how to carry out the DPIA. The DPIA will be carried out by Niall Ruddock

Those whose privacy is most likely to be affected, including the school community and neighbouring residents, will be consulted during the DPIA, and any appropriate safeguards will be put in place.

A new DPIA will be done annually and/or whenever cameras are moved, and/or new cameras are installed.

If any security risks are identified in the course of the DPIA, the school will address them as soon as possible.

11. Security

- The system manager will be responsible for overseeing the security of the CCTV system and footage
- The system will be checked for faults once a term
- Any faults in the system will be reported as soon as they are detected and repaired as soon as possible, according to the proper procedure
- Footage will be stored securely and encrypted wherever possible
- The CCTV footage will be password protected and any camera operation equipment will be securely locked away when not in use
- Proper cyber security measures will be put in place to protect the footage from cyber attacks
- Any software updates (particularly security updates) published by the equipment's manufacturer that need to be applied, will be applied as soon as possible

12. Complaints

Complaints should be directed to the Executive headteacher or the DPO/ contact and should be made according to the school's complaints policy.

13. Monitoring and Review

The policy will be reviewed annually by the DPO to consider whether the continued use of a surveillance camera remains necessary, proportionate and effective in. .

POLICY REVIEW

The Data Protection Officer is responsible for monitoring and reviewing this policy. This policy will be reviewed annually. In addition, changes to legislation, national guidance, codes of practice or commissioner advice may trigger interim reviews

Routine performance monitoring, including random operating checks, may be carried out by the Headteacher.

These procedures will be regularly reviewed, either by a designated individual within the school or by a third party. This is to ensure the standards established during the setup of the system are maintained.

Similarly, there will be a periodic review, at least annually, of the system's effectiveness to ensure that it is still doing what it was intended to do. If it does not achieve its purpose, it should be stopped or modified. Refer to Appendix B for a sample Annual Review

Checklist.

The review will take into account the following:

- ☐ Is it addressing the needs and delivering the benefits that justified its use?

- ☐ Is information available to help deal with queries about the operation of the system and how individuals may make access requests?
- ☐ Does the information include our commitment to the recommendations in the ICO Code of Practice and include details of the ICO if individuals have data protection compliance concerns?
- ☐ Is a system of regular compliance reviews in place, including compliance with the provisions of the ICO Code of Practice, continued operational effectiveness and whether the system continues to meet its purposes and remains justified?
- ☐ Are the results of the review recorded, and are its conclusions acted upon?

The periodic review will also ensure all information is sufficiently protected to ensure that it does not fall into the wrong hands. This will include technical, organisational and physical security. For example:

- ☐ Sufficient safeguards are in place to protect wireless transmission systems from interception.
- ☐ The ability to make copies of information is restricted to appropriate staff.
- ☐ There are sufficient controls and safeguards in place if the system is connected to, or made available across, a computer, e.g. an intranet.
- ☐ Where information is disclosed, it is safely delivered to the intended recipient e.g. by Royal Mail Special Delivery if posted or identification verified and receipt signed for if collected in person.
- ☐ The Control room and room where information is stored is secure.
- ☐ Staff are trained in security procedures and there are sanctions against staff who misuse surveillance system information.
- ☐ Staff have been made aware that they could be committing a criminal offence if they misuse surveillance system information.
- ☐ The process for deleting data is effective and being adhered to.
- ☐ If there been any software updates (particularly security updates) published by the equipment's manufacturer that they have been applied to the system

14. Links to other policies

- Data protection policy
- Staff Handbook
- Privacy notices for parents, pupils, staff, governors and suppliers

CCTV Access Log

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