

# CCTV Policy



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Thorpe Primary School welcomes our duties under the Equality Act 2010 to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations in relation to age (as appropriate), disability, ethnicity, gender (including issues of transgender, and of maternity and pregnancy), religion and belief, and sexual identity.

We welcome our duty under the Education and Inspections Act 2006 to promote community cohesion.

We recognise that these duties reflect international human rights standards as expressed in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, the UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities, and the Human Rights Act 1998



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## 1. Aims

This policy aims to:

- regulate the management and operation of the Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) System at Thorpe Primary (the **School**). It also serves as a notice and a guide to data subjects (including pupils, parents, staff, volunteers, visitors to the School and members of the public) regarding their rights in relation to personal data recorded via the CCTV system (the **System**).

## 2. Introduction

The System is administered and managed by the School, who act as the Local Data Controller. This policy will be subject to review from time to time, and should be read with reference to the PKAT's Data Protection Policy and Privacy Notice. For further guidance, please review the Information Commissioner's CCTV Code of Practice (accessible [here](#)).

All fixed cameras are in plain sight on the School premises and the School does not routinely use CCTV for covert monitoring or monitoring of private property outside the School grounds.

The School's CCTV cameras are located in shared teaching areas, corridors and on the external corners of the building.

The School's purposes of using the CCTV system are set out below and, having fully considered the privacy rights of individuals, the School believes these purposes are all in its legitimate interests. Data captured for the purposes below will not be used for any commercial purpose.

### **3. Objectives of the System**

- To protect pupils, staff, volunteers, visitors and members of the public with regard to their personal safety.
- To protect the School buildings and equipment, and the personal property of pupils, staff, volunteers, visitors and members of the public.
- To support the police and community in preventing and detecting crime, and assist in the identification and apprehension of offenders.
- To monitor the security and integrity of the School site and deliveries and arrivals, including car parking. To monitor staff and contractors when carrying out work duties.
- To monitor and uphold discipline among pupils in line with the School Rules, which are available to parents and pupils on request.

### **4. Positioning**

- Locations have been selected that the School reasonably believes require monitoring to address the stated objectives.
- Adequate signage has been placed in prominent positions to inform staff and pupils that they are entering a monitored area.
- No images will be captured from areas in which individuals would have a heightened expectation of privacy, including changing and washroom facilities.
- No images of public spaces will be captured except to a limited extent at site entrances.

### **5. Maintenance**

- The CCTV System will be operational 24 hours a day, every day of the year.
- The System Manager (Andy Hudson) will check and confirm that the System is properly recording and that cameras are functioning correctly, on a regular basis.
- The System will be checked and (to the extent necessary) serviced no less than annually.

### **6. Supervision of the System**

- Staff authorised by the School to conduct routine supervision of the System will include the Site Manager.
- Images will be viewed and/or monitored in a suitably secure and private area to minimise the likelihood of or opportunity for access to unauthorised persons.

### **7. Storage of Data**

- The day-to-day management of images will be the responsibility of the Site Manager, who will act as the System Manager, or such suitable person as the System Manager shall appoint in their absence (this will include the PKAT IT support technician).
- Images will be stored for 4 weeks, and automatically over-written unless the School considers it reasonably necessary for the pursuit of the objectives outlined above, or if lawfully required by an appropriate third party such as the police or local authority.
- Where such data is retained, it will be retained in accordance with the Act and our Data Protection Policy. Information including the date, time and length of the recording, as well as the locations covered and groups or individuals recorded, will be recorded in the system log book.

## **8. Access to Images**

- Access to stored CCTV images will only be given to authorised persons, under the supervision of the System Manager, in pursuance of the above objectives (or if there is some other overriding and lawful reason to grant such access).
- Individuals also have the right to access personal data the School holds on them (please see the School's Privacy Notice and PKAT Data Protection Policy), including information held on the System, if it has been kept. The School will require specific details including at least to time, date and camera location before it can properly respond to any such requests. This right is subject to certain exemptions from access, including in some circumstances where others are identifiable.
- The System Manager must satisfy themselves of the identity of any person wishing to view stored images or access the system and the legitimacy of the request. The following are examples when the System Manager may authorise access to CCTV images:
  - Where required to do so by the Head, the Police or some relevant statutory authority; To make a report regarding suspected criminal behaviour;
  - To enable the Designated Safeguarding Lead or his/her appointed deputy to examine behaviour which may give rise to any reasonable safeguarding concern;
  - To assist the School in establishing facts in cases of unacceptable pupil behaviour, in which case, the parents/guardian will be informed as part of the School's management of a particular incident;
  - To data subjects (or their legal representatives) pursuant to an access request under the Act;
  - To the School's insurance company where required in order to pursue a claim for damage done to insured property; or
  - In any other circumstances required under law or regulation.
- Where images are disclosed a record will be made in the system log book including the person viewing the images, the time of access, the reason for viewing the images, the details of images viewed and a crime incident number (if applicable).
- Where images are provided to third parties, wherever practicable steps will be taken to obscure images of non-relevant individuals.

### **Other CCTV systems**

The School does not own or manage third party CCTV systems.

### **Complaints and queries**

Any complaints or queries in relation to the School's CCTV system, or its use of CCTV, or requests for copies, should be referred to The School Business Leader.

For any other queries concerning the use of your personal data by the School, please see the School's Privacy Notice.

This policy document is freely available on request to the entire school community.

A copy of the policy can be found on the school website.