

Corpus Christi Primary School



CCTV Policy

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The school has in place a CCTV surveillance system. This policy details the purpose, use and management of the CCTV system at the school and details the procedures to be followed in order to ensure that the school complies with relevant legislation and the current Information Commissioner's Office Code of Practice.
- 1.2 The school will have due regard to the Data Protection Act 2018, the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and any subsequent data protection legislation, and to the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 and the Human Rights Act 1998. Although not a relevant authority, the school will also have due regard to the Surveillance Camera Code of Practice, issued under the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 and in particular the 12 guiding principles contained therein.
- 1.3 This policy is based upon guidance issued by the Information Commissioner's Office, 'In the picture: A data protection code of practice for surveillance cameras and personal information' ("the Information Commissioner's Guidance").

2. CCTV System overview

- 2.1 The CCTV system is owned by Corpus Christi Primary School, Dunsmuir Grove, Gateshead, NE8 4QL and managed by the school. Under the Data Protection Act 2018 the school is the 'data controller' for the images produced by the CCTV system. The school is registered with the Information Commissioner's Office and the registration number is Z5917322. The CCTV system operates to meet the requirements of the Data Protection Act and the Information Commissioner's Guidance.
- 2.2 The headteacher is responsible for the overall management and operation of the CCTV system, including activities relating to installations, recording, reviewing, monitoring and ensuring compliance with this policy.
- 2.3 The CCTV system operates across part of the school site. We have 4 cameras.
- 2.4 Signs are placed at the main entrance in order to inform staff, students, visitors and members of the public that CCTV is in operation. The signage indicates that the system is managed by the school and a contact number for the school is provided.
- 2.5 Mrs C Ingle is responsible for ensuring that adequate signage is erected in compliance with the ICO CCTV Code of Practice.
- 2.6 Cameras are sited to ensure that they cover school premises as far as is possible.
- 2.7 The CCTV system is operational and is capable of being recording for x 24 hours a day, every day of the year.

2.8 Any proposed new CCTV installation is subject to a Privacy Impact Assessment.

2.9 Further information regarding the number and location of CCTV cameras is available at the School Office.

3. **Purposes of the CCTV system**

3.1 The principal purpose of the school CCTV system are as follows:

- for the prevention, reduction, detection and investigation of crime and other incidents;
- to ensure the safety of staff, students and visitors;

3.2 The CCTV system will be used to observe the school area under surveillance in order to identify incidents requiring a response. Any response should be proportionate to the incident being witnessed.

3.3 The school seeks to operate its CCTV system in a manner that is consistent with respect for the individual's privacy.

4. **Monitoring and Recording**

4.1 Cameras are monitored in the main office, which is a secure area.

4.2 Images are recorded centrally on server in the school office and are viewable only with the permission of the Headteacher.

4.3 The cameras installed provide images that are of suitable quality for the specified purposes for which they are installed and all cameras are checked regularly to ensure that the images remain fit for purpose and that the date and time stamp recorded on the images is accurate.

4.4 All images recorded by the CCTV System remain the property and of the school.

5. **Compliance with Data Protection Legislation**

5.1 In its administration of its CCTV system, the school complies with the General Data Protection Regulation and the Data Protection Act 2018. Due regard is given to the data protection principles embodied in the General Data Protection Regulation and the Data Protection Act 2018. These principles require that personal data shall be:

- 1) processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner;

- 2) collected for specified, explicit and legitimate purposes and not further processed in a manner that is incompatible with those purposes;
- 3) adequate, relevant and limited to what is necessary in relation to the purposes for which they are processed;
- 4) accurate and, where necessary, kept up to date;
- 5) kept in a form which permits identification of the data subjects for no longer than is necessary for the purposes for which the personal data are processed; and
- 6) processed in a manner that ensures appropriate security of the personal data, including protection against unauthorized or unlawful processing and against accidental loss, destruction or damage, using appropriate technical or organizational measures.

6. Applications for disclosure of images

Applications by individual data subjects

- 6.1 Requests by individual data subjects for images relating to themselves "Subject Access Request" should be submitted in writing to the Headteacher - identification may be required e.g. passport or current photo driving licence and proof of address such as a recent utility bill.
- 6.2 In order to locate the images on the school CCTV system, sufficient detail must be provided by the data subject in order to allow the relevant images to be located and the data subject to be identified.
- 6.3 Where the school is unable to comply with a Subject Access Request without disclosing the personal data of another individual who is identified or identifiable from that information, it is not obliged to comply with the request unless satisfied that the individual has provided their express consent to the disclosure, or if it is reasonable, having regard to the circumstances, to comply without the consent of the individual.

Access to and disclosure of images to third parties

- 6.4 A request for images made by a third party should be made in writing to the school. The school will consult with its Data Protection Officer in relation to any request received from a third party organisation, for example, the police.
- 6.5 In limited circumstances it may be appropriate to disclose images to a third party, such as when a disclosure is required by law, in relation to the prevention or detection of crime or in other circumstances where an exemption applies under relevant legislation.

- 6.6 Such disclosures will be made at the discretion of the Headteacher, with reference to relevant legislation and where necessary, following advice from the school's Data Protection Officer
- 6.7 Where a suspicion of misconduct arises, the Headteacher of the school may provide access to CCTV images for use in staff disciplinary cases.
- 6.8 The Headteacher may provide access to CCTV images to Investigating Officers when sought as evidence in relation to student discipline cases.
- 6.9 A record of any disclosure made under this policy will be held on the CCTV management system, itemising the date, time, camera, requestor, authoriser and reason for the disclosure.

7. **Retention of Images**

- 7.1 Unless required for evidential purposes, the investigation of an offence or as required by law, CCTV images will be retained for no longer than 28 days from the date of recording. Images will be automatically overwritten after this point.
- 7.2 Where an image is required to be held in excess of the retention period referred to in 7.1, the Headteacher will be responsible for authorising such a request.
- 7.3 Access to retained CCTV images is restricted to the Headteacher and other persons as required and as authorised by the Headteacher.

8. **Complaints procedure**

- 8.1 Complaints concerning the school's use of CCTV system or the disclosure of CCTV images should be made in writing to the school's Data Protection Officer at the following address:

Data Protection Officer
Gateshead Council
Civic Centre
Gateshead
NE8 1HH

Tel: 0191 433 2113/2192

Email: DPO@Gateshead.Gov.Uk

9. **Monitoring Compliance**

- 9.1 All staff involved in the operation of the school CCTV System will be made aware of this policy and will only be authorised to use the CCTV System in a way that is consistent with the purposes and procedures contained therein.

9.2 All staff with responsibility for accessing, recording, disclosing or otherwise processing CCTV images will be required to undertake data protection training.

10. **Policy review**

10.1 The school's usage of CCTV and the content of this policy shall be reviewed bi-annually by the Governing Body with reference to the relevant legislation or guidance in effect at the time. Further reviews will take place as required.