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# **SNMAT Selston CE Infant and Nursery School**

## **Security Camera Policy**

**A reference policy for SNMAT schools**

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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

At Selston CE Infant and Nursery School, we take our responsibility towards the safety of staff, visitors and students very seriously. We expect all people to behave responsibly and safely but use security cameras to safeguard school assets and monitor any instances of aggression or physical damage to our site and our community.

## **RATIONALE**

The purpose of this policy is to manage and regulate the use of the security camera systems at the academy. It is to ensure that we comply with relevant legislation and that systems are secure and suitable for purpose.

## **SCOPE**

This policy covers the use of security camera systems on the Academy estate where video and image are recorded and viewed of individuals who could be identified, as well as information relating to individuals for any of the following purposes:

- Protecting the school buildings and school assets, both during and after school hours;
- Reducing the incidence of crime and anti-social behaviour (including theft and vandalism);
- Assisting in the investigation of safeguarding incidents, accidents and other incidents;
- Using video, images or audio that could affect their privacy;
- Supporting the Police or other agencies in a bid to deter and detect crime;
- To provide a safe and secure environment for pupils, students, staff and all visitors.

## **ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **LOCAL GOVERNING BODIES**

1. It is the responsibility of the governing body to ensure there is management of security cameras within the school, and the school meets the relevant statutory legislation requirements.

### **THE HEADTEACHER**

2. It is the responsibility of the headteacher to ensure that the day-to-day effectiveness of this policy is maintained.
3. The headteacher must ensure that adequate and effective consultation, notification and training is provided to staff to understand and adhere to the policy and its procedures.
4. The headteacher must ensure that the authorisations and locations of access to cameras and locations as detailed in the appendices are enacted and supported in an effective manner.

## **GDPR**

The Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham Multi Academy Trust (SNMAT) is the corporate body registered with the Information Commissioners' Office as a Data Controller.

The security camera system is owned and operated by the school and the deployment of which is determined by the school's headteacher. The security camera is a standalone system and operated by the school.

## LEGISLATION

This policy has due regard to legislation including, but not limited to, the following:

- Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000
- Protection of Freedoms Act 2012
- The UK General Data Protection Regulation
- Data Protection Act 2018
- Freedom of Information Act 2000
- The Education (Student Information) (England) Regulations 2005 (as amended in 2016)
- The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004
- School Standards and Framework Act 1998
- Children Act 1989
- Children Act 2004
- Equality Act 2010
- Keeping Children Safe in Education 2025

This policy has been created regarding the following statutory and non-statutory guidance:

- Home Office (2013) 'The Surveillance Camera Code of Practice'
- ICO (2021) 'Guide to the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR)'
- ICO (2017) 'In the picture: A data protection'

## OPERATION

The use of the security camera system will be conducted in a professional, ethical and legal manner and any diversion of the technologies for other purposes is prohibited by this policy e.g. Cameras will not be used for monitoring employee performance.

Monitoring of restricted access areas for security purposes will be conducted in a manner consistent with all existing policies adopted by the academy, including Codes of Practice for dealing with complaints of Bullying & Harassment and Sexual Harassment and other relevant policies, including the provisions set down in equality and other educational and related legislations.

- The Academy will only use security cameras for the safety and security of the site and its staff, students and visitors.
- Adequate signage will be placed so all members of the academy community are aware that they are entering an estate which is covered by security camera equipment.
- The Academy will only use security cameras as a deterrent and cameras will not be used in toilets or changing facilities.

## **ACCESS TO DATA**

Access to the camera system, live data and historical data will be restricted to authorised personnel only. The system can only be accessed by username and password encryption with multi-factor authentication where possible on authorised devices. The system software keeps a log of when the authorised user accesses the system or stored media.

## **ACCESS AUTHORISATIONS**

All authorised operators with access to recorded images are aware of the procedures that need to be followed when accessing the images. All employees are aware of the restrictions in relation to access to, and disclosure of, recorded images.

A record of the date of any disclosure request along with details of who the information has been provided to (the name of the person and the organisation they represent), why they required it and how the request was dealt with will be made and kept, in case of challenge.

In relevant circumstances, security camera footage may be accessed:

1. By the police where the academy is required by law to make a report regarding the commission of a suspected crime;
2. Following a request by the police when a crime or suspected crime has taken place and/or when it is suspected that illegal/anti-social behaviour is taking place on school's property;
3. To the HSE and/or any other statutory body charged with child safeguarding; or
4. To assist the Headteacher or member of SLT, DSL in establishing facts in cases of unacceptable student behaviour, in which case, the parents/guardians will be informed;
5. To data subjects (or their legal representatives), pursuant to a Subject Access Request;
6. To individuals (or their legal representatives) subject to a court order;
7. To the school insurance company where the insurance company requires evidence in order to pursue a claim for damage done to the insured property.

## **DATA RETENTION**

The camera system is configured to retain footage for 30 days after which it will be automatically deleted.

If the footage is required specifically for an investigation or prosecution in that issue, then data will be stored in a secure environment.

Access to any data will be restricted to authorised staff only.

In certain circumstances, the recordings may also be viewed by other individuals to achieve the objectives set out above. When security camera recordings are being viewed, access will be limited to authorised individuals on a need-to-know basis.

## **MAINTENANCE**

The responsibility for maintenance of the camera security system lies with the Cleaner in Charge.

## **MANAGEMENT & CONFIGURATION**

The Headteacher should work closely with the Site Team, DSL and IT Support Team and service providers to ensure that the camera security system meets with the needs of the academy.

The responsibility for determining where cameras are located, how they operate and the configuration of systems lies with The Headteacher.

System specific training and support may be obtained from security camera providers, or the IT Support teams.

## **CONSENT AND NOTIFICATION**

A copy of this policy will be provided on request to staff, students, parents and visitors to the school and will be made available on the school website.

## **COMPLAINTS**

Complaints and enquiries about the operation of security cameras within the academy should be directed to the Headteacher in the first instance.

## **REVIEW AND MONITORING**

The application and outcomes of this policy will be monitored and reviewed annually to ensure it is working effectively.

## APPENDIX 1 – STAFF ACCESS RIGHTS

Access	Staff Members	Note
FULL	T Westwood – CBC, D Price – Trust IT, M Hardisty – Trust, S Taylor – Jasmine IT, Office Manager, Headteacher, Executive Headteacher	
VIEW-ONLY	Admin Assistant	



## APPENDIX 2 – CAMERA LOCATIONS & TYPES

TYPE	LOCATION	AUDIO	RECORDING	SWIVEL/FIXED
G5 Turret Ultra	Entrance Hall	No	Yes	Fixed
	Entrance corridor			
	Hall			
	Headteacher's Office			
	Main Playground (1)			
	Main Playground (2)			
	Nursery 2/3 Year olds			
	Nursery 3/4 Year olds			
	Nursery Playground			
	Reception Garden (1)			
	Reception Garden (2)			
	Staffroom			