



# Cloud British Private School

## **CCTV POLICY**

### Safeguarding Statement

The school is committed to safeguarding children and promoting the CBPS of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

1.1 CBPS School uses closed circuit television (CCTV) images for the prevention, identification and reduction of crime and to 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 CCTV surveillance at the school is intended for the purposes of:

- protecting the school buildings and school assets, both during and after school hours;
- promoting the health and safety of staff, pupils and visitors.
- reducing the incidence of crime and anti-social behaviour (including theft and vandalism);
- supporting the Police in a bid to deter and detect crime.
- assisting in identifying, apprehending and prosecuting offenders; and
- ensuring that the school rules are respected so that the school can be properly managed.

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

1.4 The CCTV is monitored centrally from the school office by the IT department.

1.5 The school's CCTV Scheme is registered with the Information Commissioner under the terms of the Data Protection Act. This policy outlines the school's use of CCTV and how it complies with the Act.

1.6 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.

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

1.8 CCTV monitoring of restricted access areas for security purposes will be conducted in a manner consistent with all existing policies adopted by the school, 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.

## **2 Location of Cameras**

2.0 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.

2.1 The School will ensure that the location of equipment is carefully considered to ensure that images captured comply with the Data Protection Act. The school will make every effort to position cameras so that their coverage is restricted to the school premises, including external areas of the school site.

2.2 CCTV will be used in classrooms.

2.3 Cameras placed so as to record external areas are positioned in such a way as to prevent or minimise recording of passers-by or of another person's private property

2.4 CCTV Video Monitoring and Recording of Public Areas may take place for the following purposes:

- Protection of school buildings and property: the building's perimeter, entrances and exits, office locations, receiving areas for goods/services
- Monitoring of Access Control Systems: monitor and record restricted access areas at entrances to buildings and other areas
- Verification of Security Alarms: intrusion alarms, exit door controls, external alarms
- Video Patrol of Public Areas: Parking areas, Main entrance/exit gates, Traffic Control
- Criminal Investigations (carried out by police): Robbery, burglary and theft surveillance

### **3 Notification**

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

3.1 The location of CCTV cameras will also be indicated and adequate signage will be placed at each location in which a CCTV camera(s) is sited to indicate that CCTV is in operation.

### **4 Storage and Retention**

4.0 The images captured by the CCTV system will be retained for a maximum of 35 days, except where the image identifies an issue and is retained specifically in the context of an

investigation/prosecution of that issue.

4.1 The images/recordings will be stored in a secure environment.

4.2 Access will be restricted to authorized personnel.

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

## **5 Access**

5.0 Recorded footage and the monitoring equipment will be securely stored in a restricted area. Unauthorized access to that area will not be permitted at any time. The area will be locked when not occupied by authorised personnel.

5.1 Access to the CCTV system and stored images will be restricted to authorised personnel only. The system can only be accessed by password encryption on authorised devices. The system software keeps a log of when the authorised user access the system or stored images

5.2 Data will be provided to those requests authorised in a permanent format where possible. If this is not possible the data subject will be offered the opportunity to view the footage.

5.3 In relevant circumstances, CCTV footage may be accessed:

- 5.3.1 By the police where The Willows Primary School are required by law to make a report regarding the commission of a suspected crime; or
- 5.3.2 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 The school's property, or
- 5.3.3 To the HSE and/or any other statutory body charged with child safeguarding; or
- 5.3.4 To assist the Head teacher in establishing facts in cases of unacceptable student behaviour, in which case, the parents/guardians will be informed; or
- 5.3.5 To data subjects (or their legal representatives), pursuant to a Subject Access Request or
- 5.3.6 To individuals (or their legal representatives) subject to a court order.
- 5.3.7 To the school insurance company where the insurance company requires same in order to pursue a claim for damage done to the insured property.

## **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.

6.2 Individuals submitting requests for access will be asked to provide sufficient information to enable the footage relating to them to be identified. For example, date, time and location.

6.3 The school will respond to requests within 30 calendar days of receiving the request in line with the school's data protection policy.

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 on-going investigation.

6.5 A record of the date of the disclosure along with details of who the information has been provided to (the name of the person and the organisation they represent) and why they required it will be made.