

CCTV Policy HG28

1. Introduction

West Hill Park School is situated in 33 acres of land which makes it impractical to secure the perimeter and therefore we have looked at alternative ways of providing security both for our pupils and the public and also to assist in the prevention of theft or damage to the school or its property.

The main legislation in this area is the General Data Protection Act 2018 (GDPR) and the Education (Independent School Standards) Regulations 2014. Other legislation not directly relevant to independent schools, but applicable to general principles, include the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 and the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012.

The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) is notified that West Hill Park School operates a CCTV system.

2. Aims of this policy

The purpose of this policy is to regulate the management and operation of the Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) System at West Hill Park School (the School). It also serves as a notice and a guide to data subjects (including pupils, parents, staff, volunteers, visitors and members of the public) regarding their rights in relation to personal data recorded via the CCTV system (the System).

The System is administered and managed by the School, who act as the Data Controller. This policy is reviewed regularly and should be read with reference to the School's Privacy Policy (GDPR). We conduct an annual audit and review of our use of CCTV using the checklist in Appendix 2 of the ICO's CCTV [Code of Practice](#).

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

- 3.1 To protect the personal safety of pupils, staff, volunteers, visitors and members of the public.
- 3.2 To protect the School buildings and equipment, and personal property of pupils, staff, volunteers, visitors and members of the public.
- 3.3 To support the police and community in preventing and detecting crime, and assist in the identification and apprehension of offenders.
- 3.4 To monitor the security and integrity of the School site and deliveries and arrivals.
- 3.5 To monitor staff and contractors when carrying out work duties.
- 3.6 To monitor and uphold discipline among pupils in line with the Code of Conduct, which is available to parents and pupils on request.

4 Positioning

- 4.1 Locations have been selected, both inside and out, that the School reasonably believes require monitoring to address the stated objectives.
- 4.2 Adequate signage has been placed in prominent positions to inform staff and pupils that they are entering a monitored area, identifying the School as the Data Controller and giving contact details for further information regarding the system.
- 4.3 No images will be captured from areas in which individuals would have a heightened expectation of privacy, including dormitories, changing and bathroom facilities.
- 4.4 No images of public spaces will be captured except to a limited extent at site entrances.

The West Hill Park School site has 14 CCTV cameras, all of which are equipped with IR night vision and are vandal and weather proof. Our main monitors are in the Estate Manager's Office, and Headmaster's School Office. The cameras are listed here:

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- The main entry gate - St Margaret's Lane
- The exit gate from - Common Lane
- Front apron of the main building
- Music School and tennis courts
- Stable block – North and South facing
- Gravel carpark – East and West facing
- Sports Hall carpark
- Staff carpark
- Exit barrier – North and South facing

5. Maintenance

5.1 The CCTV System will be operational 24 hours a day, every day of the year.

5.2 The System Manager (defined below) will check and confirm that the System is recording and that cameras are functioning correctly, on a regular basis.

5.3 The System will be checked and (to the extent necessary) serviced regularly.

6. Supervision of the System

6.1 The Estate Manager is trained in operating, recording and retaining images taken. He is aware of the procedure for handling requests for the disclosure of an image by individuals, where the school's procedure is set out in our data protection policy. If in doubt, the Information Commissioner would be consulted.

6.2 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

7.1 The day-to-day management of images will be the responsibility of the Estate Manager, who acts as the System Manager, or such suitable person as the System Manager shall appoint in his absence.

7.2 Images will be stored for 30 days 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.

7.3 Where such data is retained, it will be retained in accordance with the Act and our General Data Protection & Privacy Policy. Information including the date, time and length of any recording if applicable, as well as the locations covered and groups or individuals recorded, will be recorded in a log book. The log book is kept in the Headmaster's School office.

8. Access to Images

8.1 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).

8.2 Individuals also have the right to access personal data the School holds on them (please see the General Data Protection Policy & Privacy Notice on our website), including information held on the System, if it has been kept. The School will require specific details including at least the 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.

8.3 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

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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 and on the basis set out in 8.2 above;
- To the School's insurance company where required in order to pursue a claim for damage done to insured property; or

8.4 Where images are disclosed under 8.3 above a record will be made in the 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).

8.5 If images are provided to third parties under 8.3 above, wherever practicable steps will be taken to obscure images of non-relevant individuals.

The following staff have access to the CCTV: Estate Manager (System Manager) Headmaster, Senior Deputy Headmaster (DSL).

9. Other CCTV systems

The School does not own or manage third party CCTV systems, but may be provided by third parties with images of incidents where this in line with the objectives of the School's own CCTV policy and/or it's Code of Conduct.

10. 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 Estate Manager, West Hill Park School, Titchfield, Hampshire PO14 4BS 01329 842356

11. Other Policies

This should be read in conjunction with our Privacy Policy.

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The following information is required before the school can provide copies of or access to CCTV footage from which a person believes they may be identified.

Please note that CCTV footage may contain the information of others that needs to be protected, and that the school typically deletes CCTV recordings after 30 days.

Name and address:
(Proof of ID will be required)

Description of footage (including a description of yourself, clothing, activity etc.)

Location of camera

Date of footage sought

Approximate time (give a range if necessary)

Signature *

Pupil signature (if relevant)

Contact Tel/Email.....

Date:.....

Print Name.....

Print Name.....

* NB if requesting CCTV footage of a child under 13, a person with parental responsibility should sign this form. For children 13 or over, the child's authority or consent must be obtained except in circumstances where that would clearly be inappropriate and the lawful reasons to provide to the parent(s) outweigh the privacy considerations of the child.

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