

CCTV Policy

The purpose of this policy is to regulate the management and operation of the Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) System at St John's College School (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**).

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

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 cameras and areas covered are listed here:

SENIOR HOUSE

- North Drive gate
- Internal entrance hall
- Outside front door
- Vehicle entrance
- Main SH car park
- Under bus canopy
- Main building staff entrance corridor
- Locker rooms

BYRON HOUSE

- Both red gates
- KG wall - bike park
- 2 covering car park
- Playground 2

BOARDING HOUSE

- Side far corner
- Car park & gate
- In vestibule inside front door
- Outside front door

SCHOOL MINIBUSES

- Front-facing dashcam
- Rear-facing dashcam
- 2 internal-facing at the back

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.

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. Video entry phone systems are used in receptions in Byron and Senior House.
- To monitor staff and contractors when carrying out work duties in.
- To monitor and uphold discipline among pupils in line with the Behaviour Policy which is available to parents and pupils on request.
- To monitor the safety of staff and pupils on board school minibuses.

Positioning

Locations have been selected, both inside and out, that the School reasonably believes require monitoring to address the stated objectives.

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 or via the forward-facing dashcam on the school minibuses.

Maintenance

The CCTV System will be operational 24 hours a day, every day of the year. The System Manager (defined below) will check and confirm that the System is properly recording and that cameras are functioning correctly, on a regular basis.

Supervision of the System

Staff authorised by the School to conduct routine supervision of the System may include Reception staff, the Facilities Manager, the IT Manager, the Senior Management team and relevant staff on duty.

Storage of Data

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

Images will be stored for no more than 4 weeks, and will be 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 Privacy 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.

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 Privacy Notice), 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 and on the basis set out above;
- 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).

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 is in line with the objectives of the School's own CCTV policy and/or Behaviour Policy.

Occasionally, pupils may travel on coaches provided by third party contractors and a number of these coaches are equipped with CCTV systems. The School may use these 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.

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 Bursar in the first instance.