Ormiston Academies Trust

Ormiston Venture Academy
CCTV policy

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1. Introduction

1.1. At Ormiston Academies Trust (referred to as "the trust" and any or all its academies), we take our responsibility towards the safety of staff, visitors, and pupils very seriously. To that end, we use surveillance cameras to monitor for the safety and wellbeing of students, staff, and visitors.

1.2. The purpose of this policy is to manage and regulate the use of the surveillance and CCTV systems at the Trust's Academies and ensure that:

- The images captured are being handled in accordance with data protection legislation as set out under UK GDPR
- The images that are captured are useable for the purposes we require them for.

1.3. This policy covers the use of surveillance and CCTV systems which capture moving and still images of people who could be identified, as well as information relating to individuals for any of the following purposes:

- Observing what an individual is doing to ensure safety of students, staff, and visitors
- Taking action to prevent a crime
- Using images of individuals that could affect their privacy

2. Legal framework

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

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

2.2. This policy has been created with regard to the following statutory and non-statutory guidance:

- Amended surveillance camera code of practice 2021
- ICO (2022) 'Guide to the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR)'
- ICO (2017) 'In the picture: A data protection code of practice for surveillance cameras and personal information'

3. Definitions

3.1. For the purpose of this policy a set of definitions will be outlined, in accordance with the surveillance code of conduct:

3.2. Surveillance – monitoring the movements and behaviour of individuals; this can include video, audio, or live footage. For the purpose of this policy only video and audio footage will be applicable.

3.3. Overt surveillance – any use of surveillance for which authority does not fall under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000.

3.4. Covert surveillance – any use of surveillance which is intentionally not shared with the subjects it is recording. Subjects will not be informed of such surveillance.

3.5. The Trust does not condone the use of covert surveillance when monitoring the academy's staff, pupils and/or volunteers.

3.6. Any overt surveillance footage will be clearly signposted around the academy.

4. Roles and responsibilities

4.1. Ormiston Academies Trust, as the corporate body, is the data controller. The CEO of the Trust therefore has overall responsibility for ensuring that records are maintained, including security and access arrangements in accordance with regulations, however this will be delegated to Principals.

4.2. The Data Protection Officer for the Trust is responsible for providing advice and guidance on any potential risks to the rights and freedoms of individuals

4.3. The Data Protection Lead deals with the day-to-day matters relating to data protection

5. Purpose and justification

5.1. The purpose of CCTV monitoring is to deter crime and to protect the safety and property of the academy. Safety and security purposes include, but are not limited to:

5.2. Protection of individuals, including students, staff, and visitors;

5.3. Protection of academy-owned and/or operated property and buildings, including equipment, building perimeters, entrances and exits, lobbies and corridors, and internal spaces;

5.4. Verification of alarms and access control systems;

5.5. Patrol of common areas and areas accessible to the public

5.6. Investigation of criminal activity, safeguarding incidents, and serious disciplinary activity.

5.7. The lawful bases we rely on to process CCTV footage are:

- Article 6 (1) (e) Processing is necessary to perform a task in the public interest or for our official functions, and the task or function has a clear basis in law. Our basis in law is set out in:
  - Section 175 of the Education Act 2002
  - the Education (Independent School Standards) Regulations 2014
  - the Non-Maintained Special Schools (England) Regulations 2015
  - the Education and Training (Welfare of Children) Act 2021
  - Keeping Children Safe in Education 2024
  - the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974
- Article 6 (1) (f) the processing is necessary for our legitimate interests unless there is a good reason to protect the individual's personal data which overrides those legitimate interests

6. Protocols

6.1. The surveillance system will be registered with the ICO in line with data protection legislation.

6.2. The surveillance system is a closed system which must not have the option to record sound enabled

6.3. Warning signs have been placed throughout the premises where the surveillance system is active, as mandated by the ICO's Code of Practice. See section 7 for additional information.

6.4. The surveillance system has been designed for maximum effectiveness and efficiency; however, the academies cannot guarantee that every incident will be detected or covered and 'blind spots' may exist.

6.5. The surveillance system will not be trained on individuals unless an immediate response to an incident is required.

6.6. The surveillance system will not be trained on private vehicles or property outside the perimeter of the academy.

7. Code of practice

7.1. The Trust understands that recording images of identifiable individuals constitutes as processing personal information, so it is done in line with data protection principles.

7.2. The Trust notifies all pupils, staff, and visitors of the purpose for collecting surveillance data via a privacy notice which will be displayed on notice boards and on individual academy websites

7.3. CCTV cameras are only placed where they do not intrude on anyone's privacy and are necessary to fulfil their purpose.

7.4. All surveillance footage will be kept for up to 2 weeks for security purposes; the principal and the Data Protection Lead are responsible for keeping the records secure and allowing access.

7.5. The academy has a surveillance system for the purpose of the prevention and detection of crime and the promotion of the health, safety and welfare of staff, pupils, and visitors.

7.6. The surveillance and CCTV system is owned by the academy and images from the system are strictly controlled and monitored by authorised personnel only. Please see appendix 1

7.7. The academy will ensure that the surveillance and CCTV system is used to create a safer environment for staff, pupils and visitors to the academy, and to ensure that its operation is consistent with the obligations outlined in data protection legislation.

7.8. The surveillance and CCTV system will:

- Be designed to take into account its effect on individuals and their privacy and personal data.
- Be transparent and include a contact point, the DPL, through which people can access information and submit complaints.
- Have clear responsibility and accountability procedures for images and information collected, held, and used.
- Only keep those images and information for as long as required after six months.
- Restrict access to retained images and information with clear rules on who can gain access.
- Consider all operational, technical and competency standards, relevant to the surveillance and CCTV system and its purpose, and work to meet and maintain those standards in accordance with the law.
- Be subject to stringent security measures to safeguard against unauthorised access.
- Be regularly reviewed and audited to ensure that policies and standards are maintained.
- Only be used for the purposes for which it is intended, including supporting public safety, the protection of pupils, staff and volunteers, and law enforcement.
- Be accurate and well maintained to ensure information is up to date.

8. Right of access

8.1. Under the UK GDPR, individuals have the right to obtain confirmation that their personal information is being processed in line with the data protection principles.

8.2. All disks containing images belong to, and remain the property of, the trust.

8.3. Individuals have the right to submit a Subject Access Request (SAR) to gain access to their personal data in order to verify the lawfulness of the processing.

8.4. The academy will verify the identity of the person making the request before any information is supplied.

8.5. A copy of the information will be supplied to the individual free of charge; however, the academy may impose a 'reasonable fee' to comply with requests for further copies of the same information.

8.6. Where an SAR has been made electronically, the information will be provided in a commonly used electronic format.

8.7. Requests by persons outside the academy for viewing or copying disks, or obtaining digital recordings, will be assessed by the principal, who will consult the DPO, on a case-by-case basis with close regard to data protection and freedom of information legislation.

8.8. Where a request is manifestly unfounded, excessive, or repetitive, a reasonable fee could be charged however

8.9. Where a request is manifestly unfounded or excessive, the academy holds the right to refuse to respond to the request. The individual will be informed of this decision and the reasoning behind it, as well as their right to complain to the ICO and to a judicial remedy, within one month of the refusal.

8.10. All fees will be based on the administrative cost of providing the information.

8.11. All requests will be responded to without delay and at the latest, within one calendar month of receipt.

8.12. In the event of numerous or complex requests, the period of compliance will be extended by a further two months. The individual will be informed of this extension and will receive an explanation of why the extension is necessary, within one month of the receipt of the request.

8.13. In the event that a large quantity of information is being processed about an individual, the academy will ask the individual to specify the information the request is in relation to.

8.14. It is important that access to, and disclosure of, the images recorded by surveillance and CCTV footage is restricted and carefully controlled, not only to ensure that the rights of individuals are preserved, but also to ensure that the chain of evidence remains intact, should the images be required for evidential purposes.

8.15. Releasing the recorded images to third parties will be permitted only in the following limited and prescribed circumstances, and to the extent required or permitted by law:

8.16. The police – where the images recorded would assist in a specific criminal inquiry

8.17. Prosecution agencies – such as the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS)

8.18. Relevant legal representatives – such as lawyers and barristers

8.19. Persons who have been recorded and whose images have been retained where disclosure is required by virtue of data protection legislation

8.20. Requests for access or disclosure will be recorded and the principal will make the final decision as to whether recorded images may be released to persons other than the police.

8.21. Due to differing timescales for retention of CCTV footage, it may not be possible to provide the requested footage as it may have been overwritten prior to the request being received.

8.22. The Data Protection Act 2018 that says a data controller does not have to comply with a SAR, if doing so means disclosing information which identifies another individual, except where the consent of that

third party has been obtained OR where it is reasonable to comply without the consent of a third party. This could mean that it is not possible to comply with requests due to the inability to redact images of third parties successfully.

9. Roles and responsibilities

9.1. The role of the data controller includes:

- Processing surveillance and CCTV footage legally and fairly.
- Collecting surveillance and CCTV footage for legitimate reasons and ensuring that it is used accordingly.
- Collecting surveillance and CCTV footage that is relevant, adequate, and not excessive in relation to the reason for its collection.
- Ensuring that any surveillance and CCTV footage identifying an individual is not kept for longer than is necessary.
- Protecting footage containing personal data against accidental, unlawful destruction, alteration, and disclosure – especially when processing over networks.

9.2. The role of the principal includes:

- Meeting with the relevant project lead to decide where CCTV is needed to justify its means.
- Conferring with the DPO with regard to the lawful processing of the surveillance and CCTV footage.
- Complete a DPIA to ensure all risk have been identified and mitigated sufficiently

9.3. The role of the DPO includes:

- Monitoring legislation to ensure the academy is using surveillance fairly and lawfully.
- Communicating any changes to legislation with the Trust.
- Advising on the appropriate lawful basis for processing CCTV footage
- Assisting with the completion of a DPIA
- Assisting with the completion of a legitimate interest's assessment where necessary

9.4. The role of the DPL includes:

- Administering requests for CCTV footage
- Ensuring records of all viewing requests are kept up to date
- Ensuring footage is deleted in line with stated retention periods

10. Signage

10.1. The ICO confirm that for academies to ensure their CCTV in operation signs are GDPR compliant, they should:

- Ensure signage is clear and visible, e.g. outdoor signs are not covered by overhanging branches.
- Ensure signage is an appropriate size, e.g. if the CCTV is located near a drop off point it needs to be big enough for driver to see it from inside a car.
- Ensure, if it captures images outside the academy's site, signs are clearly displayed for pedestrians.
- Ensure staff know who to talk to if they get asked about the images captured on CCTV.

10.2. Furthermore, when creating CCTV in operation signs, the wording used must include:

- The details of the organisation operating the system.
- The purpose of its use, e.g. crime prevention.
- Who to contact if individuals have any enquires pertaining to the images being captured by the CCTV, e.g. the data protection officer (DPO) or principal.

11. Security

11.1. Access to the surveillance system, software and data will be strictly limited to authorised operators and will be password protected.

11.2. The main control facility is kept secure and locked when not in use.

11.3. Surveillance and CCTV systems will be tested for security flaws once a month to ensure that they are being properly maintained at all times.

11.4. Surveillance and CCTV systems will not be intrusive.

11.5. Any unnecessary footage captured will be securely deleted from the academy's system.

11.6. Any cameras that present faults will be repaired as soon as possible to avoid any risk of a data breach.

11.7. Visual display monitors are located in secure areas where they cannot be overseen.

11.8. The SCC surveillance checklist will be completed annually and kept on file

11.9. When CTV is viewed, downloaded, or extracted from the system, a record will be made in the CCTV log which details time, date, reason, who the footage was shared with and in what format it was provided.

12. Privacy by design

12.1. The use of surveillance cameras and CCTV will be critically analysed using a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA), in consultation with the DPO.

12.2. A DPIA will be carried out prior to the installation of any new surveillance and CCTV system.

12.3. If the DPIA reveals any potential security risks or other data protection issues, the academy will ensure they have provisions in place to overcome these issues.

12.4. Where the academy identifies a high risk to an individual's interests, and it cannot be overcome, the academy will consult the ICO before they use CCTV, and the academy will act on the ICO's advice.

12.5. The academy will ensure that the installation of the surveillance and CCTV systems will always justify its means.

12.6. If the use of a surveillance and CCTV system is too privacy intrusive, the academy will seek alternative provision.

13. Access

13.1. Options for responding where the academy does not have redaction technology could include:

- Inviting the data subject and/or their representative in to view the footage while manually redacting third parties
- Providing a still of the footage with third parties manually redacted
- Obtaining consent from third parties
- Refusing to comply with the request

14. Authorised users

14.1. Staff members who are authorised to access and process data contained in the CCTV system and who have had appropriate training are:

Name	Joe Thompson
Job Role	ICT Technician
Access Level (Full Admin, View, Copy, Live, etc.)	Full admin
Reason for access	Main Operator and first point of contact for the CCTV System
Cameras that can be accessed (Ref to camera list in Appendix 2)	All Cameras
Name	Darren Smith
Job Role	Senior college Leade/Safeguarding officer
Access Level (Full Admin, View, Copy, Live, etc.)	Full Admin

Reason for access	Second point of contact for the CCTV System to view student incidents
Cameras that can be accessed (Ref to camera list in Appendix 2)	All Cameras
Name	Leigh Drury
Job Role	Site Manager
Access Level (Full Admin, View, Copy, Live, etc.)	View, Live, Copy
Reason for access	Security and night shift incidents for police viewings
Cameras that can be accessed (Ref to camera list in Appendix 2)	All Cameras

Those named as Nominated Authorised Person

Simon Gilbert-Barnham - Principal	Can authorise access to view
Dave Richards – Vice Principal	Can authorise access to view
Nicole Rossage – Vice Principal	Can authorise access to view

Appendix 1 List of cameras

Please list all cameras and locations

Camera Folder/Camera Number	Location	Live / Live & Record / Record
Toilet Lobby – Girls Toilet	Corridor opposite girls open plan toilets - internal	Not Recording
Toilet Lobby – Boys Toilet	Corridor opposite boys open plan toilets - Internal	Not Recording
Main Externals 1.2	Rear of Canteen Courtyard - External	Not Connected
Main Externals 2.2	Front of academy, above student entrance - External	Not Connected
Main Externals 3.2	Front of academy, above main reception - External	Not Connected
Main Externals 4.2	Not Connected	Not Connected
Main Externals 5.2	Not Connected	Not Connected
Main Externals 6.2	Rear fire exit near create staircase - External	Not Connected
Main Externals 7.2	Corner of D Block above MFL room G116 - External	Not Connected
Main Externals 8.2	Rear of D Block – Basketball Court – Right Side - External	Not Connected
Main Externals 9.2	Rear of D Block – Basketball Court – Left Side - External	Not Connected
Main Externals 10.2	Left Corner of D Block Playground - External	Not Connected

Main Externals 11.2	Left side of D Block Playground- External	Not Connected
Main Externals 12.2	Left side of D Block Eating Area - External	Not Connected
Main Externals 13.2	Rear exit to playground - External	Not Connected
Main Externals 14.2	Rear exit to playground focusing out towards outside eating area - External	Not Connected
Main Externals 15.2	Not Connected	Not Connected
Main Externals 16.2	Not Connected	Not Connected
Main Internals – Toilets Corridor	Corridor before the girls toilets - Internal	Record
Main Internals - Café Entrance	Entrance to Canteen - Internal	Record
Main Internals – Main Reception	Above main reception desk – Internal	Record
Main Internals – Student Reception	Student reception area - Internal	Record
Main Internals – Year 11 Stairs Top	RA Entrance – Internal	Record
Main Internals – Create Stairs Top	Create stairwell – Internal	Record
Main Internals – Create Stairs Middle	Middle of create stairwell– Internal	Record
Main Internals – Create Stairs Middle	Bottom of Create stairwell – Internal	Record
Sports Externals – Camera 1	Amphitheatre from Great Hall - External	Record
Sports Externals – Camera 2	Right side fire exit Sports Hall - External	Record

Sports Externals – Camera 3	Above right-side fire exit to Sports Hall - External	Record
Sports Externals – Camera 4	Left side of Sports Hall - External	Record
Sports Externals – Camera 5	Left side of Sports Hall - External	Record
Sports Externals – Camera 6	Left side of Sports Hall - External	Record
Sports Externals – Camera 7	Front of Sports Hall Staff Car Park- External	Record
Sports Externals – Camera 8	Front of Sports Hall Staff Car Park - External	Record
Sports Externals – Camera 9	Front of Sports Hall Staff Car Park- External Staff Exit	Not Recording
Sports Externals – Camera 10	Canteen Side Exit	Record
Sports Externals – Camera 11	Side of Canteen – External/Minibus Bay	Not Recording
Sports Externals - Camera 12	Not Connected	Record
PE Corridor – Camera 1	PE Corridor Lockers- Internal	No longer available
PE Corridor – Camera 2	Not Connected	
PE Corridor – Camera 3	PE Corridor Gym - Internal	Record
PE Corridor – Camera 4	Not Connected	
PE Corridor - Camera 5	PE Corridor Sports Hall - Internal	Record
PE Corridor – Camera 6	Not Connected	
PE Corridor – Camera 7	E block Internal Corridor Facing Door - Internal	Not Recording
PE Corridor – Camera 8	Not Connected	
PE Corridor - Camera 9	E block Internal Gym Corridor facing back wall - Internal	Not Recording
PE Corridor – Camera 10	Not Connected	

PE Corridor - Camera 11	Not Connected	
PE Corridor – Camera 12	Not Connected	
PE Corridor – Camera 13	Not Connected	
PE Corridor – Camera 14	Not Connected	
PE Corridor – Camera 15	Not Connected	
PE Corridor – Camera 16	Not Connected	
PE Corridor – Camera 17	Not Connected	
Main Corridor Internals – Library Corridor	LRC/Reception corridor - Internal	Record
Main Corridor Internals – Year 11 Stairs Bottom	RA Staircase Bottom- Internal	Record
Main Corridor Internals – Innovate Corridor Entrance	Top of Science d block corridor - Internal	Record
Main Corridor Internals – Café Corridor	Canteen entrance facing playground exit - Internal	Record
Main Corridor Internals 5.6	Not Connected	Record
Main Corridor Internals 6.6	Not Connected	Record
Main Corridor Internals 7.6	Not Connected	Record
Main Corridor Internals 8.6	Not Connected	Record
D Block Internals – Bottom of D Block	End of D Block Corridor ground floor - Internal	Record
D Block Internals – Aspire Stairs Bottom	Bottom of D block stairwell - Internal	Record
D Block Internals – Aspire Stairs Middle	Middle section of D block staircase - Internal	Record
D Block Internals – D Block Top	Top of D Block corridor - Internal	Record

Kitchen – Camera 1	Inside of Kitchen shutters – Internal	Not Recording
Kitchen - Camera 2	Inside of Kitchen – Internal	Not Recording
Kitchen – Camera 3	External of Kitchen – External	Not Recording
Kitchen – Camera 4	External of kitchen fire exit - External	Not Recording
Gym Ext Café Internal – Bus Stop	Turning Circle/ Staff Car Park	Record
Gym Ext Café Internal – Back of Gym	Turning Circle/Groundman's Lockup	Record
Gym Ext Café Internal – Camera 3	Turning Circle/Bus Stop	Record
Gym Ext Café Internal 4- Bus Stop 2	Fire Exit Boys Changing Room/Side Exit Café/Green Gates	Record
Gym Ext Café Internal – Café Main Seating Rear	Internal View of Canteen	Record
Gym Ext Café Internal – Café Side Seating Rear	Internal View of Canteen	Record
Gym Ext Café Internal – Café Side Seating Entrance	Internal View of Canteen	Record
Gym Ext Café Internal 8.9	Not Connected	Record