

	CCTV POLICY			
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Reviewed by:	Verulam LGB			

1. Policy Statement and Objectives

- 1.1 Verulam School has in place a CCTV surveillance system on its site. The purpose of this policy is to set out the responsibilities of Verulam School regarding the management, operation and use of the CCTV system, and details the procedures to be followed in order to ensure that Verulam School complies with relevant legislation.
- 1.2 This policy applies to all members of our staff, visitors to the site and all other persons whose images may be captured by the CCTV system.
- 1.3 This policy takes account of all applicable legislation and guidance, including:
- 1.3.1 UK General Data Protection Regulation (“UK GDPR”)
 - 1.3.2 Data Protection Act 2018
 - 1.3.3 CCTV Code of Practice produced by the Information Commissioner’s Office (ICO)
 - 1.3.4 Human Rights Act 1998
 - 1.3.5 Freedom of Information Act 2000

2. Purpose of the CCTV system

- 2.1 The principal purposes of the CCTV system are as follows:
- 2.1.1 to ensure the safety of staff, students and visitors;
 - 2.1.2 for the prevention, reduction, detection and investigation of crime and other incidents;
 - 2.1.3 to assist in the investigation of suspected breaches of Verulam School rules
- 2.2 Verulam School intends to use CCTV for the purposes of:
- 2.2.1 providing a safe and secure environment for pupils/students, staff and visitors;
 - 2.2.2 protecting the school buildings and assets, both during and after hours;
 - 2.2.3 reducing the incidence of vandalism, bullying, anti-social behaviour and site incursion ;
 - 2.2.4 enabling a faster and more effective resolution to incidents by assisting staff in identifying persons who have committed a breach of the school rules;
 - 2.2.5 safeguarding pupils/students absent from lessons through visible checks about location during the school day and also during lunch;
 - 2.2.6 assisting in the prevention of crime and assisting law enforcement agencies in apprehending offenders

- 2.3 The use of the CCTV system will be conducted in a professional, ethical and legal manner and only for the intended purposes.

3. Overview of the CCTV System

- 3.1 The CCTV system is owned and managed by Verulam School. Under current data protection legislation Verulam School is the 'data controller' for the images produced by the CCTV system. Recognisable images captured by CCTV systems are 'personal data'.
- 3.2 The CCTV system operates to meet the requirements of the current data protection legislation and the ICO's guidance.
- 3.3 The CCTV system produces clear images which are suitable for the intended purposes, and which can easily be taken from the system when required.
- 3.4 The system comprises of 62 fixed cameras and 3 PTZ cameras. Verulam School has endeavoured to select locations for the installation of CCTV cameras which are least intrusive to protect the privacy of individuals.
- 3.5 Cameras are sited to ensure that they only capture images relevant to the purposes for which they are installed.
- 3.6 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. Care will be taken to ensure that reasonable privacy expectations are not violated.
- 3.7 CCTV will be used in washroom areas, classrooms and IT suites. These rooms are T2, T5, Room 40, LRC, Library, S1, S2, S3, Drama, House Classroom, 6th Form Boys WC, 6th Form Girls WC, Bradshaw WC, History WC, Student Reception WC and Sports Centre WC.
- 3.8 CCTV systems will not be used to monitor normal teacher/student classroom activity in school.
- 3.9 CCTV warning signs will be clearly and prominently placed at all external entrances to the site. Adequate signage will be placed at each location in which a CCTV camera is sited to indicate that CCTV is in operation. Signs will contain details of the purpose for using CCTV.

4. Monitoring and Recording

- 4.1 The viewing of live CCTV images and recorded images which are stored by the CCTV system will be restricted to authorised staff with the required security access. They will be accessed via a password protected console on authorised staff computers or devices.
- 4.2 All authorised operators and staff with access to images are aware of the procedures that need to be followed when accessing the recorded images. All staff are aware of the restrictions in relation to access to, and disclosure of, recorded images.
- 4.3 Authorised operators and staff are limited to the Verulam School Network Manager, Business Manager, Site Manager and Headteacher or Headmistress. Additional operators and staff will need to sign an agreement to access to, and disclosure of, recorded images and make sure they are aware of the procedures that need to be followed when accessing the recorded images.

- 4.4 Relevant images may be shared with governing body panels reviewing exclusions, disciplinary matters or complaints.
- 4.5 No other individual will have the right to view or access any CCTV images unless in accordance with the terms of this policy as to the disclosure of images.
- 4.6 Monitoring and recording of Public Areas may include the following:
 - 4.6.1 the building's perimeter, main entrance/exit gates, lobbies and corridors, storage areas;
 - 4.6.2 restricted access areas at entrances to buildings and other areas;
 - 4.6.3 door controls, external alarms;
 - 4.6.4 parking areas, adjacent public highway

5. Storage and Retention of Images

- 5.1 The images captured by the CCTV system will be retained for a maximum of 14 days from the date of recording, except where the image identifies an issue and is required to be retained specifically in the context of an investigation/prosecution of that issue.
- 5.2 The images/recordings will be stored in a secure environment with a log of access kept. The access log will be stored in Google and authorised operators and staff will have access to fill in the log.
- 5.3 Access will be restricted to authorised personnel only.

6. Disclosure of Images

- 6.1 Requests by individual data subjects for images relating to themselves will be treated as a 'Subject Access Request' and should be submitted in writing to the Data Protection Officer (DPO) together with proof of identification. Further details of this process can be found here <https://albanacademiestrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/AAT-GDPR-Policy.pdf> Section 5.
- 6.2 In order to locate the images, sufficient detail must be provided by the data subject in order to allow the relevant images to be located, and within 14 days (see 5.1).
- 6.3 Where Verulam School is unable to comply with a Subject Access Request without disclosing the personal data of another individual who is identified or identifiable from that information, it is not obliged to comply with the request unless satisfied that the individual has provided their express consent to the disclosure, or if it is reasonable, having regard to the circumstances, to comply without the consent of the individual.
- 6.4 Verulam School will only disclose recorded CCTV images to third parties where it is permitted to do so in accordance with the Data Protection Legislation. In some circumstances it may be appropriate to disclose images to a third party, such as when a disclosure is required by law, in relation to the prevention or detection of crime or in other circumstances where an exemption applies under relevant legislation. Relevant images may also be shared with governing body panels reviewing exclusions, disciplinary matters or complaints.
- 6.5 All such disclosures will be made at the discretion of the DPO.
- 6.6 A record of any disclosure made under this policy will be held on the CCTV management system, detailing the date, time, camera, requestor, authoriser and reason for the disclosure.

7. Data Protection Impact Assessment

- 7.1 Prior to the installation or repositioning of any CCTV camera, or system, a data protection impact assessment (DPIA) is required to be conducted by Verulam School to ensure that the proposed installation is compliant with legislation and ICO guidance. The assessment will be approved by the DPO.
- 7.2 Verulam School will adopt a privacy by design approach when installing new cameras and systems, taking into account the purpose of each camera so as to avoid recording and storing excessive amounts of personal data.

8. Complaints Procedures

- 8.1 Complaints concerning Verulam School's use of its CCTV system or the disclosure of CCTV images should be made in writing to admin@verulam.herts.sch.uk

9. Policy and CCTV System Review

- 9.1 This policy is reviewed annually with reference to the relevant legislation or guidance in effect at the time. Further reviews will take place as required.

10. Verulam School carries out an internal assessment annually to evaluate the usage and effectiveness of the CCTV system.