



## Schools CCTV Policy

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# SCHOOLS CCTV POLICY

## 1 Policy Statement

The purpose of this policy is to set out the management, operation and use of the Close Circuit Television (CCTV) at SAND Academies Trust.

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## **2 Introduction**

SAND Academies Trust uses CCTV images to reduce the threat of crime generally, protecting our premises and helping to ensure the safety of all of our staff, pupils and visitors consistent with respect for the individuals' privacy.

The system comprises a number of fixed and dome cameras located: externally to provide coverage of the gates, outside play facilities and car parks and internally to provide coverage of the main reception area and halls. The system does not have sound recording capability.

This policy takes account of all applicable legislation and guidance, including:

- UK General Data Protection Regulation ("GDPR")
- Data Protection Act 2018
- CCTV Code of Practice produced by the Information Commissioner
- Human Rights Act 1998
- Surveillance Commissioner Code of Practice

## **3 Scope**

This policy applies to all staff, governors, contractors, agents, volunteers, representatives and temporary staff, working for or on behalf of the Trust. The requirements of this policy are mandatory for all of these parties.

## **4 Purpose of CCTV**

SAND Academies Trust uses CCTV for the following purposes:

- To provide a safe and secure environment for pupils, staff and visitors
- To prevent the loss of or damage to the SAND Academies Trust buildings and/or assets
- To assist in the prevention of crime and assist law enforcement agencies in apprehending offenders

## **5 Siting of Cameras**

All CCTV cameras will be sited in such a way as to meet the purpose for which the CCTV is operated. Cameras will be sited in prominent positions where they are clearly visible to staff, pupils and visitors.

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Cameras will not be sited, so far as possible, in such a way as to record areas that are not intended to be the subject of surveillance. SAND Academies Trust will make all reasonable efforts to ensure that areas outside of SAND Academies Trust premises are not recorded.

Signs will be placed in prominent positions to inform individuals that they are in an area within which CCTV is in operation.

## **6 Privacy Impact Assessment**

Prior to the installation of any CCTV camera, or system, a privacy impact assessment will be conducted to ensure that the proposed installation is compliant with legislation and ICO guidance.

## **7 Management and Access**

The CCTV system will be managed SAND Academies Trust.

Access to the system will be restricted to approved staff as required to fulfil the duties of the school. Requests for stored footage will be made to them for consideration before approval.

The CCTV system is checked monthly by SAND IT to ensure that it is operating effectively.

## **8 Storage and Retention of Images**

Any images recorded by the CCTV system will be retained only for as long as necessary for the purpose for which they were originally recorded.

Recorded images are stored only for a period of 14 days unless there is a specific purpose for which they are retained for a longer period. Examples of this are including, but not limited to, where it forms part of a criminal case or allegation.

SAND Academies Trust will ensure that appropriate security measures are in place to prevent the unlawful or inadvertent disclosure of any recorded images. The measures in place include:

- CCTV recording systems being located in restricted access areas;
- The CCTV system being encrypted/password protected;
- Restriction of the ability to make copies to specified members of staff;
- A log of any access to the CCTV images, including time and dates of access, and a record of the individual accessing the images, will be maintained by SAND Academies Trust

## **9 Disclosure of Images to Data Subjects**

Any individual recorded in any CCTV image is a data subject for the purposes of the Data Protection Legislation, and has a right to request access to those images.

Any individual who requests access to images of themselves will be considered to have made a subject access request pursuant to the Data Protection Legislation. Such a request should be considered in the context of the SAND Academies Trust Data Protection Policy.

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When such a request is made the approved staff will review the CCTV footage, in respect of relevant time periods where appropriate, in accordance with the request.

If the footage contains only the individual making the request then the individual may be permitted to view the footage. This must be strictly limited to that footage which contains only images of the individual making the request. SAND Academies Trust must take appropriate measures to ensure that the footage is restricted in this way.

If the footage contains images of other individuals, then SAND Academies Trust must consider whether:

- The request requires the disclosure of the images of individuals other than the requester, for example whether the images can be distorted so as not to identify other individuals;
- The other individuals in the footage have consented to the disclosure of the images, or their consent could be obtained; or
- If not, then whether it is otherwise reasonable in the circumstances to disclose those images to the individual making the request.

A record must be kept, and held securely, of all disclosures which sets out:

- When the request was made;
- The process followed by the approved member of staff in determining whether the images contained third parties;
- The considerations as to whether to allow access to those images;
- The individuals that were permitted to view the images and when; and
- Whether a copy of the images was provided, and if so to whom, when and in what format.

## **10 Disclosure of Images to Third Parties**

SAND Academies Trust will only disclose recorded CCTV images to third parties where it is permitted to do so in accordance with the Data Protection Legislation.

CCTV images will only be disclosed to law enforcement agencies in line with the purposes for which the CCTV system is in place, on the completion of statutory documentation.

If a request is received from a law enforcement agency for disclosure of CCTV images then SAND Academies Trust must follow the same process as above in relation to subject access requests. Details should be obtained from the law enforcement agency as to exactly what they want the CCTV images for, and any particular individuals of concern. This will then enable proper consideration to be given to what should be disclosed, and the potential disclosure of any third party images.

The information above must be recorded in relation to any disclosure.

If an order is granted by a Court for disclosure of CCTV images then this should be complied with. However very careful consideration must be given to exactly what the Court order

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requires. If there are any concerns as to disclosure then the Data Protection Officer should be contacted in the first instance and appropriate legal advice may be required.

### **11 Review of CCTV Policy**

This policy will be reviewed annually.

### **12 Misuse of CCTV systems / Policy Breach**

The misuse of CCTV system could constitute a criminal offence.

Any breach of the Code of Practice by school staff or other person who is bound by this policy will be initially investigated by the Headteacher, in order for them to take the appropriate disciplinary action.

Any serious breach of the Code of Practice will be immediately investigated and an independent investigation carried out to make recommendations on how to remedy the breach.

### **13 Complaints relating to this policy**

Any complaints relating to this policy or to the CCTV system operated by SAND Academies Trust should be made in accordance with the Trust's Complaints Policy.

Appendix 1

**This form is for any person who wishes to apply for access to CCTV footage held at a site of SAND Academies Trust only.**

**A separate form should be completed for each individual.**

**Section 1: Your Details** (Please complete the form in black ink in block capitals)

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Surname:	First Name:
Title:	Previous names:
Date of Birth:	Contact Number:
Current Address:	Previous Address(es):
Email address:	
<b>Proof of ID:</b> Two different documents as evidence of your name and current address (you can send copies of these through the post which will be securely destroyed once we have verified your identity; however we reserve the right to ask to see original documents); and If, requesting footage of yourself, a recent full face photograph of you so we can identify you in any CCTV images.	

**Section 2: What footage are you requesting?** (please tick the relevant box)

Footage regarding myself

Footage regarding others

**Section 3: Third parties details** (only complete this section if you are requesting access to someone else's footage)

Surname:	First Name:
Title:	Previous names:
Date of Birth:	Contact Number:

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Current Address:	Previous Address(es):
Email address:	

**Please explain your relationship to this person** (tick the relevant box below):

Mother

Father

Carer

Other

If you have selected other please explain:

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**Section 4: Reason for request**

Date of request:	Date and time of recording
Location of recording:	
Reason:	

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