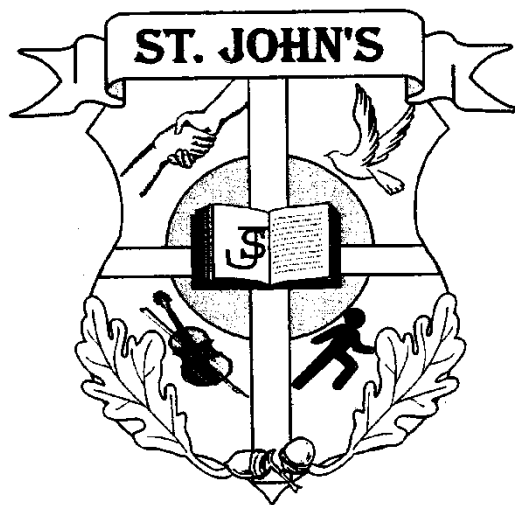


**St. John's Primary School
Bligh's Lane
Derry**

**A Policy on Closed Circuit Television System
2024**



“Learning Together Growing Together”

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1.0 Purpose

This policy details the school's use of Closed Circuit Television (CCTV). At St. John's Primary School, CCTV images are used to reduce crime and monitor the school buildings in order to provide a safe and secure environment for pupils, staff and visitors, and to prevent loss or damage to the school property.

The system comprises a total of 11 cameras located around the exterior of the school.

The system does not have sound recording capability.

The CCTV system is owned and operated by the school, the deployment of which is determined by the school's leadership team.

The CCTV is monitored centrally from the school office and the Building Supervisor's office by the school receptionist.

The introduction of, or changes to, CCTV monitoring will be subject to consultation with staff and the school community.

The school's CCTV system is registered with the Information Commissioner under the terms of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). The use of CCTV, and the associated images and any sounds recordings is covered by the DPA. This policy outlines the school's use of CCTV and how it complies with the legislation.

All authorised operators and employees with access to images are aware of the procedures that need to be followed when accessing the recorded images and sound. All operators are trained about their responsibilities under the CCTV policy. All employees are aware of the restrictions in relation to access to, and disclosure of, recorded images and sound.

2.0 Statement of Intent

The school complies with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) CCTV Code of Practice to ensure it is used responsibly and safeguards both trust and confidence in its use.

CCTV warning signs are clearly and prominently placed at all external entrances to the school. Signs contain details of the purpose for using CCTV (see Appendix A). In areas where CCTV is used, the school ensures that there are prominent signs placed at both the entrance of the CCTV zone and within the controlled area.

The planning and design has endeavoured to ensure that the system gives maximum effectiveness and efficiency, but it is not possible to guarantee that the system will cover or detect every single incident taking place in the areas of coverage.

3.0 Siting the Cameras

Cameras are sited so they only capture images relevant to the purposes for which they are installed, (as described above), and care is taken to ensure that reasonable privacy expectations are not violated. The school ensures that the location of equipment is carefully considered to ensure that images captured comply with the legislation.

The school has made every effort to position cameras so that their coverage is restricted to the school premises, which may include outdoor areas.

CCTV are not used internally.

Members of staff know where CCTV cameras are situated.

4.0 Storage and Retention of CCTV Images

The school retains CCTV images for approximately 28 days.

The school does not routinely store CCTV images but should the need arise, the required CCTV image is downloaded to disc and stored securely in a locked environment.

5.0 Access to CCTV Images

Access to recorded images will be restricted to those staff authorised to view them, and will not be made more widely available.

6.0 Subject Access Requests (SAR)

Individuals have the right to request access to CCTV footage relating to themselves under the GDPR.

All requests should be made in writing using the SAR request form to the Data Protection Officer. Individuals submitting requests for access will be asked to provide sufficient information to enable footage relating to them to be identified. For example, data, time and location.

The school will respond to requests within 1 calendar month of receiving the request. The school reserves the right to refuse access to CCTV footage where this would prejudice the legal rights of other individuals or jeopardise an on-going investigation.

Please see the Subject Access Request policy for further details.

7.0 Access to and Disclosure of Images to Third Parties

There will be no disclosure of recorded data to third parties other than to authorised personnel, such as the Police and service providers to the school where these would reasonably need access to the data (e.g. investigators).

The data may be used within the school's discipline and grievance procedures as required, and will be subject to the usual confidentiality requirements of those procedures.

8.0 Complaints

Complaints will be dealt with in accordance with the school's Complaints Procedure.

9.0 Monitoring and Evaluation of the Policy

The Board of Governors will ensure that this CCTV Policy is reviewed annually and revised as necessary in the light of changes in circumstances and/or legislative requirements.

Signed: _____
Kathleen McCallion
(Chairperson of the Board of Governors)

Date: _____
(Ratified at Board of Governors' Meeting)

10.0 Appendix A: CCTV Signage

It is a requirement of the General Data Protection Regulation to notify people entering a CCTV protected area that the area is monitored by CCTV and that pictures are recorded. The school ensures that this requirement is fulfilled. The CCTV sign includes the following:

- That the area is covered by CCTV surveillance and pictures are recorded.
- The purpose of using CCTV.
- The name of the school.
- The contact telephone number or address for enquiries.

