



# Anthony Gell School

## CCTV Policy

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This document will be reviewed annually and sooner when significant changes are made to the law

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## 9.1. Introduction

1.1 The purpose of this Policy is to regulate the management, operation and use of the closed circuit television (CCTV) system at Anthony Gell School.

1.2 The system comprises a number of fixed position cameras located around the school site. All CCTV recorders are password protected and monitoring is only available to authorised staff (see 1.5).

1.3 This Policy follows Data Protection guidelines, including guidance from the Information Commissioner's Office and the Surveillance Camera Commissioner.

1.4 The CCTV system is owned by the school and maintained by ASI Security.

1.5 Authorised Staff

- Headteacher
- Senior Leadership Team Members
- School Business Officer
- Site Manager

## 9.2. Objectives of the CCTV scheme

- 2.1
- (a) To protect the school buildings and their assets
  - (b) To increase personal safety
  - (c) To support the Police in a bid to deter and detect crime
  - (d) To assist in identifying, apprehending and prosecuting offenders
  - (e) To assist with the safeguarding and supervision of students

## 9.3. Statement of intent

3.1 The School will seek to comply with the requirements both of the Data Protection Act and the Surveillance Camera Commissioner's Code of Practice.

3.2 The School will treat the system and all information, documents and recordings obtained and used as personal data which are protected by the Act.

3.3 Cameras will be used to monitor activities within the school to identify any criminal activity actually occurring, anticipated, or perceived, and for the purpose of securing the safety and well-being of members of the school community or members of the public.

3.4 Materials or knowledge secured as a result of CCTV will not be used for any commercial purpose. Recordings will only be released to the media for use in the investigation of a specific crime and with the written authority of the police. Recordings will never be released to the media for purposes of entertainment.

3.5 The planning and design has endeavoured to ensure that the Scheme will give 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.

3.6 Cameras will not record any private premises.

3.7 Warning signs, as required by the Code of Practice of the Information Commissioner have been placed at access routes to areas covered by the school CCTV.

3.8 A log will be kept of Authorised Staff access to Recorded Images

## 9.4. Operation of and Access to the system

4.1 The Scheme will be administered and managed by the School Business Manager, with support from the Site Manager, in accordance with the principles and objectives expressed in this policy.

4.2 Images can be accessed via the password protected device located in the Site Team Office, by only those with authorised access.

4.3 Live feeds are available to authorised staff for the management of the school, security of the site and safety of staff and students. Remote access will be available to authorised users, through a secure network.

4.4 The CCTV system will be operated 24 hours each day, every day of the year.

4.5 CCTV recordings will be available for 21 days unless copied to removable media (CDs,DVDs, hard drives or Tapes etc). After this time any recordings will be automatically overwritten. Where CCTV is retained for longer periods this data will be held in accordance with the relevant period of the School Retention Schedule.

## 9.5. Printed and Recording Media Procedures

5.1 In the event of an incident requiring footage from the system to be retrieved and stored the following procedure should be followed:-

- The details of the incident should be passed to the Headteacher, who will authorise the use of the system by an authorised user.
- The relevant footage will be identified.
- An entry shall be made on the Recorded Image Viewing Log.
- If the footage is required for investigation then the User will produce a copy. The Date and Time of the recorded extract will be registered and stored in a secure place.
- The footage may only be viewed by Authorised Staff.
- A record of all viewings shall be made, which if required as evidence, may be released to the Police.
- Applications received from outside bodies or Subject Access Requests to view or release records will be notified to the Headteacher.

## 9.6. Assessment of the System

6.1 The Site Manager and members of the AGS site team will check and confirm the screen and cameras are working weekly and keep a record of these checks.

6.2 Regular reviews of the system's operation will take place and any necessary changes in procedure and camera sighting/position will be implemented.

6.3 The School Business Manager and DPO will carry out an annual review of the use of CCTV, using the Annual Review Checklist below.

6.4 The school will carry out a Data Protection Impact Assessment where necessary to review the use of CCTV where there is any significant change to the use of the system or the purpose for which it is used.

6.4 If out of hours emergency maintenance arises, the Headteacher, Site Manager or School Business Officer must be satisfied of the identity and purpose of contractors before allowing entry.

## 9.7. Breaches of the policy (including breaches of security)

7.1 Any breach of this Policy by school staff will be initially investigated by the Headteacher, in order for him/her to take the appropriate disciplinary action.

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

## 9.8. Complaints

8.1 Any complaints about the school's CCTV system should be addressed to the Headteacher.

8.2 Complaints will be investigated in accordance with Section 9 of this Policy.

## 9.9. Access by the Data Subject

9.1 The Data Protection Act provides Data Subjects (individuals to whom "personal data" relate) with a right to data held about themselves, including those obtained by CCTV.

9.2 Requests for Data Subject Access should be made in accordance with the Subject Access Request Procedure.

Annex 1 CCTV System Annual Review Form

CCTV SYSTEM ANNUAL REVIEW					
School:				Date:	
	Reviewed by:				Signed:
Review Statement		Satisfactory		Problems Identified?	Corrective Action Required (if relevant)
	Yes	No			
The School is registered with the Information Commissioner’s Office and the next renewal date recorded.					
There is a named individual who is responsible for operation of the system.					
The problem we are trying to address has been clearly defined and installing cameras is the best solution.					
The CCTV system is addressing the needs and delivering the benefits that justified its use.					
The system equipment produces clear images which the police can use to investigate crime and these can easily be taken from the system when required.					
Cameras have been sited so that they provide clear images.					
Cameras have been positioned to avoid capturing images of people who are not visiting the premises/school site.					
There is sufficient suitable signage notifying people that CCTV monitoring is in operation, including our contact details where it might not be obvious that the system is managed by this school.					
Information is available to help deal with queries about operation of the system and how individuals can make access requests.					
Sufficient safeguards are in place to protect wireless transmission systems from interception.					
There are sufficient controls and safeguards in place if the system is connected to, or made available across, a computer, e.g. an intranet.					

Review Statement	Satisfactory		Problems Identified?	Corrective Action Required (if relevant)
	Yes	No		
Images from this CCTV system are securely stored, where only a limited number of authorised persons may have access to them.				
Recorded data will only be retained long enough for any incident to come to light (e.g. for a theft to be noticed) and the incident to be investigated.				
The process for deleting data is effective and being adhered to.				
Except under the direction of an appropriate public authority (usually police), images will not be provided to third parties, unless the Headteacher has approved the disclosure of the data under the advice of the DPO.				
When information is disclosed, it is transmitted as securely as possible e.g. viewed on school premises, hand delivered/collected in person on a device, a fully tracked postal service etc.				
Staff are trained in security procedures and there are sanctions in place for any misuse of surveillance system information.				
Regular checks are carried out to ensure that the system is working properly and produces high quality and useful data.				
There is a system in place to ensure that any manufacturer recommended CCTV system and equipment updates, especially of security software are regularly sought, applied and checked as properly functioning.				

**Annex 2 CCTV Recorded Image Access Log**

CCTV Recorded Image Access Log					
Authorised Staff Name	Camera Number/Location	Date and Time of recording	Reason for Viewing (e.g. Vandalism, Behaviour incident)	Further Action Taken (e.g. any images/recordings saved or shared?)	Notes- e.g. Authorisation for sharing/retention period for retained images



## CCTV OPERATOR AGREEMENT

People authorised to view the recordings are set out in the CCTV Policy.

I confirm I have read and understood the CCTV policy and agree to adhere by the rules of the policy as an operator of this system.

In addition, I will update the CCTV Recorded Image Access Log each time I access the system to review a recording. I will:

- record the reason for viewing any images
- detail any retained images, why these were retained and diarise to review saved images for deletion
- I will ensure any retained images are password protected.
- I understand images including retained images must not be shared with third parties, including staff who are not part of the senior leadership team.
- any shared images must have approval for sharing from the Headteacher.

Name of authorised operator:

Signature:

Date:

I confirm that \_\_\_\_\_ is an authorised operator of the CCTV system.

Headteacher:

Date:



**THESE PREMISES ARE  
PROTECTED BY 24 HOUR CCTV  
RECORDING**

**Images are being monitored for the purpose of public safety,  
crime prevention, detection and prosecution of offenders.**

**The scheme is controlled by:**

**ANTHONY GELL SCHOOL**

**For further information contact:**

**THE SCHOOL OFFICE TEL NO: 01629 825577**