



OAKLANDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

AND

SIXTH FORM COLLEGE
With delegated responsibility from the
Edith Stein Catholic Academy Trust

IMAGERY POLICY

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Policy Amendments

Version Date	Section / Page	Amendments
June 2026	Throughout	The word Headteacher used in this policy can be taken to refer to either the Executive Headteacher or the Head of School. Deputy Headteacher is equivalent to deputy Head of School, Assistant Headteacher is equivalent to Assistant Head of School.
	4.8 / Page 4	Change of location for monitoring of some cameras, from Reception to Business Support area.
	6.2 / Page 6 and 7	Updated locations to CCTV positions. N9 and N12 removed and relocated to C1 and C3.
	1.2 final bullet point 11.0 and 12.0	Removal of reference to Skype. Subsequent re-numbering of paragraphs.
October 2024	6.2 / Page 5	Updated locations to CCTV positions
May 2023	5.4 / Page 4	Change to CCTV footage retention and removal to a dedicated folder if required
March 2023	1.2 / Page 2 10.1 / Page 7 11.1 / Page 7 12.0 / Page 8	Changes made to reflect the very rare use of Skype and the additional control measures if it is used
February 2023	6.2 / Page 5	Update to CCTV locations
	6.2 / Page 5	Update to named locations
January 2022	1 / Page 2	Insertion of links to referenced documents
	1.2 / Page 2	Update to reference to Data Protection Act 2018
	4.2 / Page 3	Insertion of hyperlink to the ICO document "In the picture: A data protection code of practice for surveillance cameras and personal information"
	4.4 / Page 3	Change to text relating to CCTV signage
	6.2 / Page 5	Update to CCTV locations
June 2021	Throughout	Removal of LessonBox, as no longer used. Replace with "classroom video recording"
		Removal of Skype, as no longer used and replace with "Microsoft Teams"
		Inclusion of "Zoom"
	8.1 / Page 6	Clarification of year for Data Protection Act.

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Oaklands Catholic School and Sixth Form College is committed to providing a caring, friendly and safe environment for all of our students and staff so that teaching and learning can take place in a positive and secure atmosphere. The School is also committed to complying with the General Data Protection Regulations (“GDPR”) and other Data Protection legislation. This Policy supports these objectives and should be read in conjunction with the School’s [Data Protection Policy](#) and [General IT Policy](#).
- 1.2 This Policy divides into four sections:
- Policies for all types of images including Closed Circuit Television (CCTV), classroom video recording and Microsoft Teams.
 - Classroom video recording can be used to assist Teachers either as part of their initial training or as part of their Continued Professional Development (CPD).
 - The school has a number of CCTV cameras permanently installed around the site. The school’s CCTV is registered with the Information Commissioner under the terms of the [Data Protection Act 2018](#). The Data Protection Act 2018 covers the use of CCTV and associated images. This policy outlines the school’s use of CCTV and how it complies with the Act.
 - The use of Microsoft Teams, part of the Office365 suite of online services, and Zoom are used by the school, to enable video conferencing and real-time collaboration with others over the internet.

2.0 General Use of Images

- 2.1 This section applies to CCTV, classroom video recording, Microsoft Teams and Zoom.
- 2.2 There has never been and will not be any intention on the part of Senior Leadership Team, Governors or any other body, to use the video technology for the purposes of staff performance management. Neither will any footage be used as evidence in staff disciplinary hearings or during any capability proceedings.

3.0 Classroom Video Recording

- 3.1 This section only applies to the use of classroom video recording in the School.
- 3.2 The Information Commissioners Office (ICO - the body responsible for data protection) approves using classroom video recording for the purposes of teacher training and development. It is legal for schools to film children in the classroom for the purposes of teaching and learning training and development as long as they follow the ICO guidelines.
- 3.3 Classroom video recording will not form part of lesson observation for performance management.

- 3.4 Classroom video recording equipment can be booked through the School's "RoomBooker" website. It will be set up in the requested location by the IT Support team. The equipment is then under the FULL control of the classroom teacher, who can start/stop recording as required. It is the teacher's responsibility to familiarise themselves with the basic operation of the equipment. If a support tutor is also working in the room, they must give their verbal permission prior to any recording. The teacher may delegate control of the recording to a third party if they wish (usually for technical support). They may also delegate full control of the editing of the recording to another if they see fit.
- 3.5 Under normal circumstances, teachers, other staff and students will be recorded when the cameras are recording. During such times, there remains the possibility that any visitor to the classroom (parent, Governor, other visitor) is also recorded. These recordings can be considered in the same way as CCTV recording: the same general signage will apply.
- 3.6 Recordings are supplied to the member of staff on a special laptop, which is locked down so that recordings may not be moved, copied or otherwise distributed. The laptop must be returned to the IT Support Office within 5 working days. Recordings will be deleted either on the return of the laptop, or at the latest 20 days after recording. Only the teacher concerned may view the archived recordings unless he or she has given verbal or written authorisation otherwise. This does not affect a data subjects' statutory right to view data about them.
- 3.7 The School's IT Support Team, who may request third line support from the manufacturer as necessary, supports classroom video recording.

4.0 CCTV

- 4.1 This section only applies to the use of CCTV in the School.
- 4.2 The school complies with Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) document "In the picture: A data protection code of practice for surveillance cameras and personal information" (Version 1.2 or later) to ensure it is used responsibly and safeguards both trust and confidence in its continued use. The Code of Practice can be viewed at the following [link](#).
- 4.3 The School uses CCTV video footage and static images to:
- Maintain a safe environment, helping to ensure the welfare of staff, students and visitors
 - Deter criminal acts against persons and property
 - Assist the School leadership team when investigating an issue in School.
 - Assist the Police in identifying persons who have committed an offence.
- 4.4 Signage indicating the use of CCTV is sited near the public entrance to the White House and several locations around the school.
- 4.5 The system is a closed digital system and comprises of a number of fixed cameras. Sound is not recorded.
- 4.6 The School owns and operates the CCTV system. The Headteacher and Governors determine its deployment. The introduction of, or changes to, CCTV monitoring will be subject to consultation with the Headteacher.
- 4.7 The CCTV system continually records on a loop and recording in some areas is motion activated. Footage is automatically overwritten by new footage. Depending on the motion activity in the area covered by a specific camera, footage is retained in the CCTV system for approximately 20 days.

- 4.8 Monitoring of a small number of cameras takes place in the Business Support area during office hours, where live footage is viewable by the Business Support Team in that area. Footage is not visible for members of the public or students.
- 4.9 All authorised operators and employees with access to images are aware of and follow this Policy when accessing the recorded images. All employees are aware of the restrictions in relation to accessing and distribution of recorded images.

5.0 Accessing CCTV Footage

- 5.1 Any member of staff may ask any member of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) for permission to view CCTV footage. The requestor must indicate in general the location and approximate time of the footage they wish to review.
- 5.2 It is up to the discretion of the Senior Leader whether to grant permission to review footage. The decision of the Senior Leader to sponsor the review of CCTV footage will depend on the nature and severity of the incident in question, and the likely chance of identification of any individual(s) being identified as a result. If granted, the Senior Leader must inform IT Support, who will arrange with the requesting member of staff a time to review the footage with them, and will document the request.
- 5.3 If an incident has been recorded on CCTV and needs to be kept as evidence, a short extract of video footage or still images may be exported from the CCTV system. This evidence is documented by IT Support, and placed in a secure area of the school network. IT Support will inform the requester and sponsor when the footage is available and where it can be reviewed as necessary. Video evidence is only viewable using approved software. It cannot be played on standard software, such as VLC Player.
- 5.4 Evidence will be deleted at the end of teach term by IT Support unless the Sponsor specifically requests that it be kept for a longer period. It will then be up to the Sponsor to ensure the footage is moved into a dedicated folder and is deleted when no longer required.
- 5.5 The Sponsor may also request that individuals on exported footage be anonymised by blanking faces or other features. This can be a time consuming process and should only be requested in exceptional circumstances.
- 5.6 Further disclosure of CCTV evidence must always be consistent with the purpose(s) for which the system was established. For example, the School may show images to the Police or to individuals who are the subject of the surveillance and their Parents/Carers. The school will ensure that disclosure is fair to the individuals concerned and that privacy intrusion to any third party individuals will be minimal. Requests for further disclosure must be made to the Headteacher. The School will refuse any such request unless:
- There is a legal obligation, such as a court order or information access rights.
 - Authorised personnel such as Law Enforcement Agencies and service providers make the request to the school where these would reasonably need access to support the School and its aims.
 - There are reasonable grounds for further disclosure, such as the safeguarding of staff and/or students.

6.0 CCTV Camera Location

- 6.1 Cameras will be sited so they only capture images relevant to the purposes for which they are installed and care has been taken to ensure that reasonable privacy expectations are not violated. The school will ensure that the location of equipment is carefully considered to ensure that images captured comply with the Data Protection Act. The CCTV system has been designed for maximum effectiveness and efficiency. The school cannot however guarantee that every incident will be detected or covered and 'blind spots' may exist around the school site. The school will make every effort to position cameras so that their coverage is restricted to the school premises, which includes outdoor areas.
- 6.2 Camera locations are in the table below. Sample images of camera locations can be found on Teams: **All Oaklands Staff > Staff Information > CCTV Positions**:

Building	Location	External (EX)
Blessed Fra (Angelico)		
Angelico	A1	
Angelico	A6	
Angelico	Entrance	EX
Angelico	Foyer	
Angelico	Toilets - Girls Internal	
Angelico	Toilets - Boys Internal	
External		
Bike Shed #Staff	Music Rear	EX
Bike Shed #1	Sixth Form	EX
Bike Shed #2	Sixth Form	EX
Field	Bus Shelters / Oaklands Way	EX
Field	Athletics	EX
Field	Bottom Field	EX
Road	Roundabout	EX
Playground	Slope Up	EX
Playground	Slope Dwon	EX
Playground	Lower Playground	EX
St John Paul II (JP)		
JP	Entrance	EX
JP	Exit	EX
JP	Ground Floor Corridor A	
JP	Ground Floor Corridor B	
JP	First Floor Corridor A	
JP	First Floor Corridor B	
JP	Ground Floor Toilets	
JP	First Floor Toilets	
JP	Toilets - Girls Internal	
JP	Toilets - Boys Internal	
JP	JP 7	
JP	JP 12	
JP	JP14	
JP	JP Excel Room	

Building	Location	External (EX)
JP	JP 15 #1	
JP	JP 15 #2	
Playground	JP Rear	EX
Playground	JP / Romero Tennis Courts	EX
St Maximillian (Kolbe)		
Kolbe	Entrance	
Kolbe	Lockers	
Kolbe	Toilets - Girls Internal	
Kolbe	Toilets - Boys Internal	
Road	Kolbe A	EX
Road	Kolbe B	EX
Road	Main Drive (Pole from Kolbe)	EX
St John Henry Newman		
Newman	N7 #1	
Newman	N7 #2	
Newman	N8 #1	
Newman	N8 #2	
Newman	N16	
Newman	Lockers #A	
Newman	Lockers #B	
Newman	Ground Floor Corridor	
Newman	First Floor Corridor	
Newman	Second Floor Corridor	
Newman	Toilets - Girls Corridor	
Newman	Toilets - Boys Corridor	
Newman	Toilets - Girls Internal	
Newman	Toilets - Boys Internal	
Playground	Staff Room Entrance / Playground	EX
Playground	Newman Exit / JP Entrance	EX
St Oscar (Romero)		
Romero	Main Entrance	
Romero	Back Entrance (Health Suite)	
Romero	Side Entrance	
Romero	Pit Stop	
Romero	Canteen A	
Romero	Canteen B	
Romero	Hall A	
Romero	Hall B	
Romero	Hall C	
Romero	Hall D	
Romero	Hall - Sound Desk	
Romero	Staircase Top	
Romero	Gym	
Romero	Gym Side Entrance	
Romero	Inclusions Entrance	

Building	Location	External (EX)
Romero	Inclusions	
Romero	Finance Office	
Road	Romero Canteen	EX
Road	Romero to Angelico	EX
St Thomas More		
TM	Glass Walkway	
TM	Coridoor #1	
TM	Toilets - Girls Coridoor	
TM	Toilets - Boys Coridoor	
TM	Lockers A	
TM	Lockers B	
TM	T3 + T4	
TM	Toilets - Girls Internal	
TM	Toilets - Boys Internal	
White House		
WH	Reception	
WH	Reception Entrance	EX
WH	Back Entrance	
WH	Rear	EX
WH	Chapel Entrance	
WH	C1	
WH	C3	
Road	Chapel / Main Drive	EX
Road	WH Exit / St Peters Drive	EX
Sports Hall		
	Playground #1	EX
	Playground #2	EX
	Lobby	
	Sports Hall A	
	Sports Hall B	
	MUGA	EX
St Cecilia (Music)		
C3	Music Room A	
C3	Music Room B	
C3	Music Room C	
C3	Music Room D	
C3	Music Entrance Lobby	
Sixth Form		
SF	Ground Floor #A	
SF	Ground Floor #B	
SF	First Floor #A	
SF	First Floor #B	
SF	Common Room	
SF	S11	
SF	Study Hub (Library)	

7.0 Covert Monitoring

- 7.1 The school may in exceptional circumstances set up covert monitoring. For example:
- i) Where there is good cause to suspect that an illegal or unauthorised action(s), is taking place, or where there are grounds to suspect serious misconduct;
 - ii) Where notifying the individuals about the monitoring would seriously prejudice the reason for making the recording.
- 7.2 In these circumstances authorisation must be obtained from the Headteacher or in their absence one of the Deputy Headteachers. Covert monitoring must cease following completion of an investigation.

8.0 Subject Access Request (SAR)

- 8.1 Individuals have the right to request access to CCTV footage relating to themselves under the Data Protection Act 2018.
- 8.2 All requests should be made in writing to the Headteacher. Individuals submitting requests for access will be asked to provide sufficient information to enable identification. For example, date, time and location.
- 8.3 The school will respond to requests within 40 calendar days of receiving the written request.
- 8.4 The school reserves the right to refuse access to CCTV footage where this would prejudice the legal rights of other individuals, this includes sharing images of third parties where they have not agreed to the release of images, or jeopardise an ongoing investigation.

9.0 Complaints

- 9.1 Complaints and enquiries about the operation of CCTV within the school should be directed to the Data Protection Officer in the first instance.

10.0 Microsoft Teams and Zoom

- 10.1 Microsoft Teams and Zoom are internet/telephony video applications that use peer-to-peer (P2P) network protocols to enable users to establish internet-based voice and video communication to other users. This may be used internally around the School, or externally, for example to St Johns.

11.0 Photographs

- 11.1 Whilst photographs are a form of imagery they should be treated in the same way as any other element of documented personal data whether held in hard copy or electronically. Personal data held in documented form is covered under the School's Data Protection Policy.

12.0 Further Information

- 12.1 Further information on the use of Imagery at the School can be provided by the Data Protection Officer via email: data.protection@oaklandscatholicschool.org