



# VENERABLE EDWARD MORGAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## CCTV POLICY

This Document is a statement of intent within Venerable Edward Morgan. It was developed through a process of consultation with Key stakeholders and in correspondence with the School's planning and review schedule.

This sets out a framework by which to work.

Approved On:	<b>September 2025</b>
Next Review:	<b>Autumn 2026</b>
Signed:	<b>Cllr D L Mackie</b>

*Learn, believe, achieve together*  
*Dysgwch, credwch, cyflawnwch gyda'ch gilydd*



## **CCTV Policy**

### **Introduction**

This Policy is to regulate the management, operation and use of the closed circuit television (CCTV) system at VEM School.

The system comprises a number of fixed and dome cameras located around the School site.

All cameras are monitored within the School and by the School's preferred monitoring company.

This Policy follows guidelines issued by the CCTV Commissioner and The Information Commissioner. The CCTV system is owned by the school.

### **Why does the school have CCTV**

To protect the school buildings and assets.

To improve personal safety and reduce the fear of crime.

To protect and maintain the well-being of people and their property who may be on the site

To assist Staff in identifying and resolving incidents

To assist the Police in a bid to deter and investigate crime and assist in identifying, and prosecuting offenders.

### **Policy Statement**

Whilst operating CCTV; VEM will endeavour to comply with guidance and Codes of Practice issued by the Information Commissioner [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk) and the Surveillance Camera Commissioner; continue to be registered with the Information Commissioner under the terms of the General Data Protection Regulation and the Data Protection Act 2017; and will to the best of its ability comply with Data Protection, Privacy and Human Rights requirements. The school treats the system and all information, documents, recordings that are obtained and used as data in accordance with Legislation. Recordings will only be released to the media for use in the investigation of a specific crime following a specific request by the Police.

### **Lawful Basis for Processing**

Cameras will be used to monitor activities within the school and its car parks and other public areas to identify potential or actual criminal activity or behaviour which does not comply with school codes of conduct and for securing the safety and well-being of pupils' staff and visitors. Static cameras will not be focused on private homes, gardens or other areas of private property. Processing is considered to form part of the Schools Public Task therefore the lawful basis of processing is considered to be:

Article 6(1)(e,) processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller

Images of individuals captured by the system have a right to object and should follow the complaints procedure defined below.

### **CCTV coverage**

Outside School Buildings within the School Grounds.

Warning signs are displayed appropriately, as required by the Code of Practice of the Surveillance & Information Commissioners.

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

### **How Long is data retained**

Unless data is required for the above purposes by the school or investigatory bodies e.g. data will be kept for 30 days and then over-written. If required for investigatory purposes data will be destroyed as soon as it is no longer required.

## **Roles**

### **Governing Body**

The Governing Body is the Data Controller; and therefore owns the policy; fulfil a monitoring role; manage complaints; and review the policy as appropriate. The Data Protection Officer will provide advice and assistance in these functions.

### **Head Teacher**

Responsibility for overall operation of the System The Headteacher has day to day responsibility and accountability for how the School uses CCTV systems. To approve access requests for to held data on CCTV. In their absence an appointed deputy may approve access:

School Caretaker

Day-to-day management of the system and ensuring appropriate checks are carried out on a regular basis. Ensuring Data is disposed of appropriately

### **Data Protection Officer**

To provide an independent overview of compliance issues. Provide advice and assistance when requested and advise and assist on complaints and the operation of the equipment. To monitor the Privacy Impact of the use of CCTV equipment

### **Complaints**

Any complaints about the school's CCTV system should be addressed initially to the Headteacher. If the Head Teacher is able to resolve the issue informally within 2 working days a report must be provided to The Governing Body.

If it is impossible for the Head Teacher to resolve the issue informally the complaint will be passed to the Chair of Governors for consideration by the Governing Body and the Data Protection Officer.

Complaints may also be directed to the School's Data Protection. Individuals also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner's Office [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

## Contacts

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The Policy and associated Privacy Impact Assessment will be reviewed in Autumn 2024 or sooner if appropriate

The policy and Privacy Impact will be reviewed by the DPO, The Head Teacher and signed off by the Governing Body.