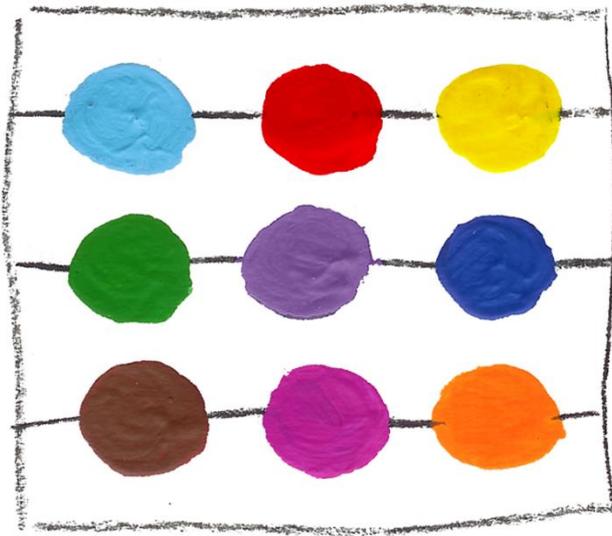


Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Policy



Carrigaline Educate Together N.S.

This document is intended to provide details of the main policy of Carrigaline Educate Together National School (CETNS). It is intended to help parents and guardians understand the environment and approach of the school. This document is regularly reviewed. All feedback is encouraged and welcome.

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CCTV Policy

Introductory Statement

The aim of this policy is to regulate the use of CCTV and its associated technology in the monitoring of the environs of premises under the remit of the Board of Management of Carrigaline Educate Together N.S. It is envisaged that school and parent representatives will revise the CCTV policy biennially. This version of the CCTV policy was reviewed in March 2021 by the Board of Management.

Rationale

The purpose of the CCTV policy is:

- To outline the purposes and use of CCTV within the school and its environs
- To highlight the protocols associated with the release of CCTV footage and the acceptable purposes of any such release
- To detail the locations of CCTV cameras within the school and its environs
- To follow Data Protections legislation relevant to the operation of CCTV
- To set out success criteria for the policy

The CCTV Policy recognises and endeavours to adopt the values that are set out in the ethos of the school. It attempts to support and sustain a harmonious environment in which potential is nurtured through the co-operation between staff, pupils, parents, board members and all other relevant parties.

Relationship to the characteristic spirit of the school

Carrigaline Educate Together N.S. is one of a rapidly increasing number of equality-based schools throughout the country. The representative organisation for these schools is 'Educate Together'.

Educate Together aims to meet a growing need in Irish society for schools that recognise the developing diversity of Irish life and the modern need for democratic management structures. In particular, Educate Together guarantees children and parents of all faiths and none equal respect in the operation and governing of education.

The schools operated by the member associations of Educate Together are fully recognised by the Irish Department of Education and Skills and work under the same regulations and funding structures as other national schools. However, they have a distinct ethos or governing spirit. This has been defined in the following terms:

- **Equality based** i.e. all children having equal rights of access to the school, and children of all social, cultural and religious backgrounds being equally respected
- **Co-educational** and committed to encouraging all children to explore their full range of abilities and opportunities,
- **Child centred** in their approach to education
- **Democratically run** with active participation by parents in the daily life of the school, whilst positively affirming the professional role of the teachers (*Source: Educate Together Charter*)

Whilst the concepts of child-centredness and co-educationalism are now widely accepted in Irish primary education, what distinguishes the Educate Together schools is their hard work in developing a culturally inclusive and democratic ethos. This has pioneered unique approaches to inclusion of minority opinions and faiths in the Irish context.

The schools have developed education programmes which open the eyes of children to the naturally positive contribution that social, religious and cultural diversity and difference of viewpoint and opinion make to society.

The other characteristic feature of these schools is that they are democratically organised and governed. This maximises the potential for building a genuine partnership between the professional, objective role of the teacher and the necessarily personal involvement of the parent in contributing to their children's education.

Information taken from the Educate Together website www.educatetogether.ie

Carrigaline Educate Together N.S. makes the distinction between denominational education and moral/religious education. The ethical curriculum followed by the school is called the Learn Together Curriculum. It is comprised of four strands: *Morality & Spirituality, Equality & Justice, Belief systems, Ethics & the environment.*

Aims:

The aim of this policy is:

- to regulate the use of CCTV and its associated technology in the monitoring of the environs of premises under the remit of the Board of Management of Carrigaline Educate Together N.S.

Purpose of the CCTV System

The CCTV system is installed internally and externally in premises for the purpose of enhancing security of the building and its associated equipment as well as creating a mindfulness among the occupants, at any one time, that a surveillance security system is in operation to deter crime, vandalism and theft, as an aid to Health and Safety and to the discharge of the school's duty of care within and/or in the external environs of the premises at all times.

Scope of this policy

This applies to all personnel in and visitors to Carrigaline Educate Together N.S. It relates directly to the location and use of CCTV and the monitoring, recording and subsequent use of such recorded material.

General Principles

The Board of Management of Carrigaline Educate Together N.S., as the corporate body, has a statutory responsibility for the protection of the school property and equipment as well as providing a sense of security to its employees, students and invitees to its premises. Carrigaline Educate Together N.S. owes a duty of care under the provision of Health, Safety and Welfare legislation and utilises CCTV systems and its associated monitoring and recording equipment as an added mode of security and surveillance for the purpose of enhancing the quality of life in Carrigaline Educate Together N.S. by integrating the best practices governing the surveillance of its premises.

The primary aim of the CCTV monitoring of Carrigaline Educate Together N.S. premises is to deter crime and vandalism and to assist in the protection and safety of the said property and its associated equipment and materials.

Monitoring for security purposes will be conducted in a professional, ethical and legal manner and any diversion of the use of CCTV security technologies and personnel for other purposes is prohibited by this policy.

Information obtained through video monitoring may only be released when authorised by the Principal, following consultation with the Chairperson of The Board of Management.

CCTV monitoring of public areas, for security purposes, will be conducted in a manner consistent with all existing policies adopted by the Board of Management including the provisions set down in Equality and other Education-related legislation.

The industry code of practice for video monitoring prohibits monitoring based on the classifications contained in Equality and other related legislation e.g. gender, marital status, family status, sexual orientation, religion, age, disability, race or membership of the Traveller community.

Video monitoring of public areas, for security purposes, within the said establishment, is limited to areas that do not violate the reasonable expectation to privacy as defined by law.

Data from the CCTV system will be accessed and used in accordance with Data Protection Regulations.

Cameras will be located in the following areas:

Internal

- The Reception Area
- All Ground Floor Corridor Areas
- Upper Floor Corridor Areas
- Basement Floor Corridor Areas
- Stairwells

External

- School entrances

Signage is erected externally and internally as cameras are located in both areas. The signage internally will include the name and contact detail of the data controller as well as the specific purpose for which the CCTV camera is in place in each location (*see Appendix 1*).

Staff, students and parents/guardians will be informed of the location and purpose of the CCTV system as outlined above. The right to access images captured by CCTV cameras shall be in accordance with the Data Protection Act of 2018.

Data Protection

All personal data recorded and stored by the CCTV system is governed by the Data Protection Acts of 2018. Under the Data Protection Acts a data controller is the individual or the legal person who controls and is responsible for the keeping and use of personal information in manual files or in a computerised form.

The data controller in respect of images recorded and stored by the CCTV system in the school is the Principal on behalf of The Board of Management.

The personal data recorded and stored by the CCTV system will only be available to the data controller and others who may be deemed necessary by the data controller. The CCTV system shall not be used to monitor staff performance.

Individuals whose images are recorded and stored by the CCTV system shall have the right to request and receive a copy of personal data processed by the system. Such requests shall be made in writing to the data controller and shall be complied with within a month. Personal data recorded by the CCTV system shall be retained for a maximum of 7 days. Thereafter it will be deleted automatically.

The recorded footage and the monitoring equipment shall be securely stored in the office area. Unauthorised access to that office is not permitted at any time. The office is locked when not occupied.

The following procedures shall be followed in the event that An Garda Síochána seeks to view or take a copy of CCTV footage from the school's CCTV systems:

- The data controller shall satisfy himself/herself that there is an investigation underway.

- A request from An Garda Síochána must be made in writing on Garda headed notepaper.

All CCTV systems and associated equipment will be required to be compliant with this policy.

Success Criteria

The school wide implementation of this policy will result in:

- Best practice in CCTV being implemented

Roles and Responsibility

The Board of Management will:

- Ensure that a policy is in place, compliant with relevant legislation, to govern the use of CCTV in the school
- Ensure this policy is reviewed regularly by the Board of Management

The Principal will:

- Act as Data Controller on behalf of the Board of Management.
- Ensure that the use of the CCTV system is in accordance with the policy set down by the Board of Management
- Oversee and co-ordinate the use of CCTV monitoring for safety and security purposes within the school
- Ensure that all CCTV monitoring systems are compliant with this policy
- Be responsible for the release of any information or material in compliance with this policy
- Maintain an access log of any material recorded, viewed or stored on this system
- Provide a list of the CCTV cameras and their locations
- Ensure that all areas being monitored are not in breach of a reasonable expectation of the privacy of individuals within the school
- Ensure that external cameras are not intrusive in terms of their positions and views of residential housing and comply with the principle of “reasonable expectation of privacy”
- Ensure that recorded material is retained for a period not longer than 28 days and will be erased unless required as part of a criminal investigation or court proceedings, criminal or civil or other bona fide use as approved by the Board of Management
- Ensure that monitors are stored in a secure place with access by authorised personnel only
- Maintain an access log of the CCTV cameras being viewed in the school office

Implementation Date

The CCTV policy was implemented in November 2014. The policy is ongoing and all amendments/updates will be implemented with immediate effect.

Timetable for Review

The operation of this policy is reviewed biennially from school-year 2014/2015 on. The next date for review will be in the school year 2022/23.

Ratification & Communication

The plan was circulated to the members of the Board of Management prior to the meeting in March 2021. It was formally ratified on March 15th 2021.

Notification that the updated plan is available for viewing will be communicated to the parents in the next School Communication, via Aladdin. It will be available for viewing on the school website and a copy will be available to all staff on Google Drive.

Signed: _____
CHAIRPERSON of the BOM

Date: _____

Appendix 1



WARNING

CCTV cameras in operation

Images are recorded for the purpose of security, crime prevention and safety.
This scheme is controlled by Carrigaline Educate Together National School.
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