

Privacy notice – Telephone recordings, meeting transcripts, CCTV and school sign-in system

Introduction

This privacy notice outlines how Thomas Telford School collects, stores, and uses personal data through telephone recordings, meeting transcripts, CCTV systems, and our sign-in procedures. It applies to all individuals who interact with the school, including staff, governors, volunteers, students, parents, carers, contractors, and visitors.

Telephone call recordings

Outgoing and incoming calls to the school's main telephone lines may be recorded for training and monitoring purposes. This does not apply to calls made from or to work mobile phones.

The data collected includes:

- caller ID
- date and time of the call
- call duration
- an audio recording

The data is stored securely within the schools IT systems. Access is restricted to authorised personnel, including the Headmaster, members of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT), and our IT Technician.

The recordings are retained for 7 days unless we are required to retain for longer in the event of an investigation or for legal purposes.

Meeting transcripts

Meetings may be transcribed using an approved AI system to support accurate record-keeping, improve time management, and ensure transparency.

The following meetings will be within scope to record:

- parent-teacher meetings
- re-integration meetings
- exclusion and complaint panels
- disciplinary hearings
- internal staff meetings
- EHCP and SEND reviews
- Governing board meetings

Prior to any recording, all attendees will be informed, and a copy of the transcript can be obtained following the meeting if required. The school requests that recordings are not taken on attendees' personal devices in accordance with our communication charter unless agreed.

Any information discussed within a meeting will be collected this may include names, roles, opinions.

Transcripts will be removed from the AI system and filed appropriately. Records will then be retained in accordance with our retention schedule.

CCTV

CCTV is installed and is subject to appropriate controls, more details can be found in the CCTV policy on the website.

Our lawful basis for using the data

Our legal basis for processing the data as outlined above is public task. It is necessary for the school to undertake such recordings to perform our functions as an education setting.

Other information

There is more information about how we manage, store and protect data in the data protection policy on our website. This also includes details about how to access your data and how to contact the Information Commissioner or our Data Protection lead if you have a query or concern about how data is being used or retained.

Review

The school will update this privacy notice from time to time. Any substantial changes that affect your rights will be provided to you directly as far as is reasonably practicable.