

SRIVALI ANUSHASANAM: Policy on Monitoring the Usage of Cameras, Video Conferencing Equipment, and Mobile Phones for the Safety of Students

1. Purpose and Scope:

This policy outlines the guidelines and procedures for monitoring the usage of cameras, video conferencing equipment, and mobile phones by both staff and students at [Institution's Name] herein after called Institution. It is designed to ensure the safety and security of students while maintaining a respectful and secure environment for all members of the Institution's community.

2. **Definitions:**

<u>Cameras</u>: Refers to any devices capable of capturing images or videos, including webcams, surveillance cameras, and any camera-enabled devices.

<u>Video Conferencing Equipment</u>: Refers to devices used for virtual meetings, conferences, or online classes that include camera functionality.

<u>Mobile Phones</u>: Refers to personal mobile devices with camera capabilities owned by staff or students.

3. Safety and Privacy:

The safety and well-being of students are paramount. The school is committed to maintaining a secure and respectful environment for all students.

Cameras, video conferencing equipment, and mobile phones should only be used for educational and legitimate purposes.

4. Usage Guidelines:

Staff Usage: Staff members are permitted to use cameras, video conferencing equipment, and mobile phones for educational purposes, virtual meetings, online classes, and communication with parents and colleagues.

Student Usage: Students are allowed to use cameras and video conferencing equipment under the supervision of staff for educational purposes and virtual learning activities.

5. Monitoring and Oversight:

The Institution may monitor the usage of cameras, video conferencing equipment, and mobile phones to ensure safety and security of users.

Monitoring will be conducted with respect for privacy and in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.



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6. Privacy and Consent:

Student's privacy will be respected at all times. Staff members will not use cameras, video conferencing equipment, or mobile phones to invade student's privacy or capture inappropriate content.

7. Reporting Concerns:

Any concerns or suspicions of inappropriate usage should be reported to Online Safety Coordinator or designated Institution's authorities immediately.

Reporting can be done anonymously, and no reprisals will be taken against those making legitimate reports.

8. Consequences of Misuse:

Misuse of cameras, video conferencing equipment, or mobile phones for unauthorized or inappropriate purposes will result in disciplinary actions in accordance with Institution's policies.

9. Education and Training:

Staff members will receive training on the responsible and ethical use of cameras, video conferencing equipment, and mobile phones.

Children will be educated about privacy and appropriate technology use.

10. Policy Review:

This policy will be reviewed periodically to ensure its effectiveness in maintaining a safe environment for children and staff members.

By adhering to this policy, [Institution's Name] aims to create a secure and respectful learning environment where cameras, video conferencing equipment, and mobile phones are used responsibly and ethically.

Date of Implementation: [Insert Date]

Policy Review Date: [Insert Review Date]

[Signature of Institution's Authority]

[Date]

[Signature of Policy Committee Representative] [Date]