



# Class of 1984

The extent of CCTV in secondary schools and academies

A Big Brother Watch report

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## Key Findings

<b>Key Findings for England, Scotland and Wales</b>	
Total number of cameras used by <b>2,107 schools</b>	47,806
Number of cameras inside <b>2,107</b> school buildings	26,887
<b>Number of pupils</b> in the schools that responded to the FOI request	1,809,814
Number of cameras in changing rooms and bathrooms in <b>206 schools</b>	825
The average number of cameras inside schools to pupils based on <b>47,806 cameras</b> and <b>1,809,814 pupils</b>	1:38
Average number of cameras in <b>1,537</b> Secondary schools	24
Average number of cameras in <b>570</b> Academies	30
% of schools <b>with CCTV cameras</b>	90%
% of schools that responded but <b>refused our request</b> for information	9%
Number of Local Authorities with double the average ( <b>27</b> ) number of CCTV cameras in England	24
Number of schools with a ratio of <b>1 camera to 15 pupils</b> or higher in England	54
The <b>estimated number of CCTV cameras</b> in Secondary schools and Academies in England, Scotland and Wales	106,710

## Key Recommendations

At present, we believe the Home Office's proposed regulatory structure is not fit for purpose.

1. The Home Office code of practice for CCTV cameras should apply to all publicly funded bodies
2. The Surveillance Camera Commissioner must have the power to enforce the Code of Practice and penalties for breaching the code must be available
3. The Government should commission an independent review of CCTV use in schools to explore the evidential basis upon which cameras have been installed. This should include ensuring any school using CCTV has appropriate policies in place so teachers and parents are fully aware of why surveillance is being used, when footage can be viewed and by who.

## Our position

The use of surveillance cameras in schools is perhaps one of the most sensitive uses of CCTV. From concerns about who is viewing the images to the broader question of acclimatising children to an environment where surveillance is the norm, it is not a topic to be taken lightly.

Our research highlights how, as with local authorities, the use of CCTV varies massively from school to school. While of course local discretion is not a bad thing, the scale of variation does question how strategically CCTV is being used. Yet again CCTV appears to be used as a quick fix to much more complex problems and issues that simply cannot be solved with passive surveillance.

With some schools seeing a ratio of one camera for every five pupils, more than two hundred schools using CCTV in bathrooms and changing rooms and more cameras inside school buildings as outside, the picture across the country will undoubtedly shock and surprise many. To put into context the number of cameras, our research earlier this year found there are currently at least 51,600 CCTV cameras controlled by 428 local authorities.

Indeed, one of the key questions that arises from this report is the oversight of schools by local authorities and how the situation has reached this level without any concerns being raised.

The Home Office's proposed regulatory structure, a code of practice and a new post of 'Surveillance Camera Commissioner', is something we do not believe adequately addresses the situation. The proposals for a regulator with no enforcement or inspection power and a code of practice that is limited to cameras directly controlled by local authorities is simply not fit for purpose. If the Surveillance Camera Commissioner cannot intervene to force the removal of a camera in a school toilet, nor even demand access to inspect the camera, then we question the point of the commissioner's role being created at all.

While there has been little public outcry over an escalation in criminality in schools that would justify such a widespread use of surveillance equipment, we believe few parents will be aware of the true level of surveillance many schoolchildren are now under.

This report highlights an issue that has not been subject to any real public debate and we hope by highlighting the scale of the situation a proper debate can now take place about not only how to regulate CCTV, but also why surveillance continues to increase unchecked when there is still no academic research that suggests it is having a positive impact.

During the 1990s the Home Office spent 78% of its crime prevention budget on installing CCTV, and clearly schools have been investing significant resources in their own surveillance equipment.<sup>1</sup>

We are aware of no research in the UK that has evaluated the use of CCTV cameras in schools. There is one study, conducted by the Île-de-France region (Paris and suburbs) in 2007, which found:

- 1) Theft and burglary continued to increase after the installation of the cameras
- 2) Where cameras are installed externally to prevent unwanted people entering, those people are able to 'play' the cameras and continue to enter
- 3) Their effectiveness is even less to fight against night time intruders
- 4) A marginal reduction in the level of disorder in schools<sup>2</sup>

Given the lack of research or data on this issue, we find it remarkable that so many cameras have been installed in the absence of any imperial data, or analysis of their benefits.

Whether or not many of these cameras are surveillance for surveillance's sake, if schools are not able to identify why they are installing cameras and then monitor if they are effective in achieving that aim it is impossible to justify such widespread surveillance.

The surveillance experiment of the past twenty years has failed to reduce crime or improve public safety. As schoolchildren across the country are now expected to accept surveillance for the formative years of their education, it is time for a different approach.

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<sup>1</sup> University of Leicester, Technologies of Control: Surveillance and CCTV, [http://www.le.ac.uk/oerresources/criminology/msc/unit8/page\\_09.htm](http://www.le.ac.uk/oerresources/criminology/msc/unit8/page_09.htm)

<sup>2</sup> Institut D' Aménagement Et D'Urbanisme, Il De France, Le Videosurveillance Dans Les Lycees, July 2007, [http://www.iau-idf.fr/fileadmin/Etudes/etude\\_533/videosurveillance\\_lycees\\_IDF.pdf](http://www.iau-idf.fr/fileadmin/Etudes/etude_533/videosurveillance_lycees_IDF.pdf)

## The Home Office Code of Practice on CCTV

Under the Protection of Freedoms Bill 2012 (Part 2, Chapter 1), the Home Secretary is required to prepare a code of practice containing guidance about surveillance camera systems.

The Act outlines that relevant authorities 'must have regard' to the code, however "a failure on the part of any person to act in accordance with any provision of the surveillance camera code does not of itself make that person liable to criminal or civil proceedings."<sup>3</sup>

Equally, the draft Code states "the commissioner has no enforcement or inspection powers."<sup>4</sup>

The code will apply to a limited range of organisations.

### **(33) Effect of code**

*(5) In this section "relevant authority" means—*

- (a) a local authority within the meaning of the Local Government Act 1972,*
- (b) the Greater London Authority,*
- (c) the Common Council of the City of London in its capacity as a local authority,*
- (d) the Sub-Treasurer of the Inner Temple or the Under-Treasurer of the Middle Temple, in their capacity as a local authority,*
- (e) the Council of the Isles of Scilly,*
- (f) a parish meeting constituted under section 13 of the Local Government Act 1972,*
- (g) a police and crime commissioner,*
- (h) the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime,*
- (i) the Common Council of the City of London in its capacity as a police authority,*
- (j) any chief officer of a police force in England and Wales.*

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<sup>3</sup> Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 s33(2)

<sup>4</sup> Draft Code of Practice paragraph 12.3

Accordingly, schools will not be a relevant authority for the purpose of the Code, the Surveillance Camera Commissioner will not have power of enforcement or inspection, and it will not be a code to breach

**In our opinion, a robust regulatory framework requires the following:**

1. A single, straightforward point of contact to make and resolve complaints about CCTV cameras, including enforcement powers
2. A comprehensive code that covers cameras irrespective of their owner and is more focused on the purpose and operation of cameras
3. Clear, robust guidance on the information public authorities should be required to publish and have regard to when making decisions about the use of CCTV.

Given that it is likely a significant number of cameras will be covered by the Information Commissioner's Office CCTV guidance and not the Surveillance Camera System code, we would submit that the regime as envisaged is not fit for purpose.

We question whether it would be more appropriate to give the ICO the resources and additional powers to enforce its own existing code, rather than duplicating it and creating a SCC position which has neither enforcement powers nor investigatory authority.

## Regional breakdown

**Table 1: Full regional breakdown of figures**

<b>East Midlands</b>	
Number of replies to FOI	<b>150</b>
Number of refusals	<b>13</b>
Total number of cameras	<b>4,150</b>
Number of cameras inside school buildings	<b>2,498</b>
Number of cameras in changing rooms and bathrooms	<b>105</b>
Number of pupils	<b>136,839</b>
Number of pupils to CCTV cameras <sup>5</sup>	<b>1:33</b>

<b>East of England</b>	
Number of replies to FOI	<b>153</b>
Number of refusals	<b>32</b>
Total number of cameras	<b>2,955</b>
Number of cameras inside school buildings	<b>1,630</b>
Number of cameras in changing rooms and bathrooms	<b>20</b>
Number of pupils	<b>114,061</b>
Number of pupils to CCTV cameras	<b>1:39</b>

<b>London</b>	
Number of replies to FOI	<b>171</b>
Number of refusals	<b>29</b>
Total number of cameras	<b>6,047</b>
Number of cameras inside school buildings	<b>3,988</b>
Number of cameras in changing rooms and bathrooms	<b>84</b>
Number of pupils	<b>160,735</b>
Number of pupils to CCTV cameras	<b>1:27</b>

<sup>5</sup> Total number of pupils from schools that responded to the FOI request. Number of cameras refers to total number of cameras



<b>North East</b>	
Number of replies to FOI	<b>71</b>
Number of refusals	<b>5</b>
Total number of cameras	<b>1,814</b>
Number of cameras inside school buildings	<b>1,136</b>
Number of cameras in changing rooms and bathrooms	<b>3</b>
Number of pupils	<b>50,538</b>
Number of pupils to CCTV cameras	<b>1:27</b>

<b>North West</b>	
Number of replies to FOI	<b>167</b>
Number of refusals	<b>15</b>
Total number of cameras	<b>5,488</b>
Number of cameras inside school buildings	<b>3,593</b>
Number of cameras in toilets and bathrooms	<b>110</b>
Number of pupils	<b>150,538</b>
Number of pupils to CCTV cameras	<b>1:27</b>

<b>Scotland<sup>6</sup></b>	
Number of replies to FOI	<b>528</b>
Number of refusals	<b>21</b>
Total number of cameras	<b>3,157</b>
Number of cameras inside school buildings	<b>1,341</b>
Number of cameras in changing rooms and bathrooms	<b>0</b>
Number of pupils	<b>222,916</b>
Number of pupils to CCTV cameras <sup>7</sup>	<b>1:70</b>

<b>South East</b>	
Number of replies to FOI	<b>271</b>
Number of refusals	<b>13</b>
Total number of cameras	<b>7,151</b>
Number of cameras inside school buildings	<b>3,810</b>
Number of cameras in changing rooms and bathrooms	<b>144</b>
Number of pupils	<b>266,170</b>
Number of pupils to CCTV cameras	<b>1:37</b>

<sup>6</sup> Some Scottish council's submitted their schools data in a single response. Glasgow City and North Lanarkshire Council's did not distinguish between the number of cameras in primary and secondary schools.

<sup>7</sup> The pupils to CCTV cameras ration for Scotland will appear higher than average due to the number of pupils relating to only Secondary schools and the Total of number of cameras, in cases noted, relating to some primary schools

<b>South West</b>	
Number of replies to FOI	<b>170</b>
Number of refusals	<b>14</b>
Total number of cameras	<b>4,098</b>
Number of cameras inside school buildings	<b>2,160</b>
Number of cameras in changing rooms and bathrooms	<b>90</b>
Number of pupils	<b>159,160</b>
Number of pupils to CCTV cameras	<b>1:39</b>

<b>Wales</b>	
Number of replies to FOI	<b>55</b>
Number of refusals	<b>8</b>
Total number of cameras	<b>1,214</b>
Number of cameras inside school buildings	<b>734</b>
Number of cameras in changing rooms and bathrooms	<b>5</b>
Number of pupils	<b>46,720</b>
Number of pupils to CCTV cameras	<b>1:38</b>

<b>West Midlands</b>	
Number of replies to FOI	<b>230</b>
Number of refusals	<b>21</b>
Total number of cameras	<b>6,023</b>
Number of cameras inside school buildings	<b>3,477</b>
Number of cameras in changing rooms and bathrooms	<b>124</b>
Number of pupils	<b>183,620</b>
Number of pupils to CCTV cameras	<b>1:30</b>

<b>Yorkshire and Humberside</b>	
Number of replies to FOI	<b>147</b>
Number of refusals	<b>17</b>
Total number of cameras	<b>4,095</b>
Number of cameras inside school buildings	<b>2,520</b>
Number of cameras in changing rooms and bathrooms	<b>202</b>
Number of pupils	<b>136,877</b>
Number of pupils to CCTV cameras	<b>1:33</b>

## Local Authorities

**Table 2: Local authorities with a higher than average number of CCTV cameras.<sup>8</sup>**

	Local Authority	Number of responses	Number of CCTV cameras <sup>9</sup>
1	Knowsley	7	129
2	Sutton	2	106
3	South Tyneside	1	83
4	Manchester	4	82
5	Tower Hamlets	5	79
6	Brighton and Hove	4	72
7	Ealing	4	69
8	Telford and Wrekin	5	66
9	Sheffield	10	66
10	Middlesbrough	1	65
11	Lewisham	4	65
12	Barking and Dagenham	4	64
13	Haringey	3	63
14	Bradford	13	60
15	Merton	2	60
16	Wandsworth	4	59
17	Brent	4	59
18	Newham	8	56
19	Hackney	3	56
20	Halton	2	56
21	Redcar and Cleveland	3	56
22	Liverpool	10	55
23	York	5	55
24	Harrow	4	55

<sup>8</sup> This information is based on the an average number of 27 cameras in schools (average of 24 cameras in Secondary schools and 30 cameras in Academies)

<sup>9</sup> Average total number of cameras

## Secondary Schools and Academies

**Table 3: Schools with a ratio of 1 camera: 15 pupils or worse.<sup>10</sup>**

	<b>Name of Schools</b>	<b>Region</b>	<b>Local Authority</b>	<b>1 camera: X pupils</b>
1	Christ The King Catholic and Church of England (VA) Centre for Learning	North West	Knowsley	5
2	St Mary's Church of England High School (VA)	East of England	Hertfordshire	5
3	Heartlands High School	London	Haringey	6
4	St George of England Specialist Engineering College	North West	Sefton	6
5	Newall Green High School	North West	Manchester	6
6	City of Leeds School	Yorkshire and Humberside	Leeds	6
7	Cressex Community School	South East	Buckinghamshire	7
8	Laisterdyke Business and Enterprise College	Yorkshire and Humberside	Bradford	7
9	Halewood Centre for Learning (Community)	North West	Knowsley	8
10	Huyton Arts & Sports Centre for Learning (Community)	North West	Knowsley	8
11	Lostock College	North West	Trafford	8
12	Sinfin Community School	East Midlands	Derby	9
13	The Eltham Foundation School	London	Greenwich	9
14	Knowsley Park Centre for Learning	North West	Knowsley	9
15	All Saints Catholic Centre for Learning (VA)	North West	Knowsley	9
16	St Wilfrid's Catholic High School	North West	Sefton	10
17	St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic Centre for Learning (VA)	North West	Knowsley	10
18	Kirkby Sports College Centre for Learning	North West	Knowsley	10
19	Bridgemary School	South East	Hampshire	10
20	Castle Vale Performing Arts College	West Midlands	Birmingham	10
21	Carr Manor High School	Yorkshire and Humberside	Leeds	10

<sup>10</sup> This information is based on one camera to fifteen pupils.

22	Batley Business and Enterprise College	Yorkshire and Humberside	Kirklees	11
23	Farnborough School Technology College	East Midlands	Nottingham	12
24	Newman Catholic College	London	Brent	12
25	Lysander Community High School	North West	Warrington	12
26	The Albion High School	North West	Salford	12
27	Burnage Media Arts College	North West	Manchester	12
28	Easthampstead Park Community School	South East	Bracknell Forest	12
29	Alec Hunter Humanities College	East of England	Essex	13
30	Futures Community College	East of England	Southend-on-Sea	13
31	Raynes Park High School	London	Merton	13
32	Sir John Cass Foundation and Redcoat Church of England Secondary School	London	Tower Hamlets	13
33	Bridge Learning Campus - Secondary	South West	Bristol	13
34	The Lord Silkin School	West Midlands	Telford and Wrekin	13
36	John Smeaton Community College	Yorkshire and Humberside	Leeds	13
36	The Hewett School	East of England	Norfolk	14
37	Southfields Community College	London	Wandsworth	14
38	Raine's Foundation School	London	Tower Hamlets	14
39	Walker Technology College	North East	Newcastle upon Tyne	14
40	Broadwater School	South East	Surrey	14
41	Belvidere School	West Midlands	Shropshire	14
42	The Dearne Advanced Learning Centre	London	Barnsley	15
43	The Royal Docks Community School	London	Newham	15
44	Alperton Community School	London	Brent	15
45	St Hild's Church of England Voluntary Aided School	North East	Hartlepool	15
46	Saint Peter's Catholic College of Maths and Computing	North East	Redcar and Cleveland	15
47	Moor Park Business and Enterprise School	North West	Lancashire	15
48	Buile Hill Visual Arts College	North West	Salford	15

49	Patcham High School	South East	Brighton and Hove	15
50	Melksham Oak Community School	South West	Wiltshire	15
51	Chesterton Community Sports College	West Midlands	Staffordshire	15
52	King Edward VII School	Yorkshire and Humber	Sheffield	15
53	Carlton Bolling College	Yorkshire and Humberside	Bradford	15
54	Almondbury High School and Language College	Yorkshire and Humberside	Kirklees	15

**Table 4: Number of schools per region with higher than average number of CCTV cameras to pupils.**

Region	Number of schools
North West	16
London	10
Yorkshire and Humberside	8
South East	5
West Midlands	5
East of England	3
North East	3
East Midlands	2
South West	2

**Table 5: Schools with CCTV cameras in bathrooms and/or changing rooms.**

	<b>Name of School</b>	<b>Region</b>	<b>Local Authority</b>	<b>Number of Cameras</b>
<b>1</b>	The Radclyffe School	North West	Oldham	20
<b>2</b>	St Mary's Church of England High School (VA)	East of England	Hertfordshire	18
<b>3</b>	The Friary School	West Midlands	Staffordshire	14
<b>4</b>	Wildern School	South East	Hampshire	12
<b>5</b>	Ecclesfield School	Yorkshire and Humber	Sheffield	12
<b>6</b>	Portland School	East Midlands	Nottinghamshire	12
<b>7</b>	King Egbert School	Yorkshire and Humber	Sheffield	12
<b>8</b>	Montgomery High School - A Language College and Full Service School	North West	Blackpool	12
<b>9</b>	St Wilfrid's Catholic High School and Sixth Form College: With Speech and Language Resource	Yorkshire and Humberside	Wakefield	12
<b>10</b>	Thomas Deacon Academy	East Midlands	Peterborough	12
<b>11</b>	Roundhay School	Yorkshire and Humberside	Leeds	12
<b>12</b>	John Smeaton Community College	Yorkshire and Humberside	Leeds	11
<b>13</b>	Queensbury School	East of England	Bedford	11
<b>14</b>	Sydney Smith School	Yorkshire and Humberside	Kingston upon Hull	10
<b>15</b>	Ralph Thoresby School	Yorkshire and Humberside	Leeds	10
<b>16</b>	Hinde House 3-16 School	Yorkshire and Humber	Sheffield	10
<b>17</b>	Dorcan Technology College	South West	Swindon	10
<b>18</b>	Brockhill Park Performing Arts College	South East	Kent	10
<b>19</b>	Canon Slade CofE School	East Midlands	Bolton	10
<b>20</b>	Sir Henry Cooper School	Yorkshire and Humberside	Kingston upon Hull	10
<b>21</b>	Highfields School	East Midlands	Derbyshire	10
<b>22</b>	The Hewett School	East of England	Norfolk	9
<b>23</b>	The Phoenix Collegiate	West Midlands	Sandwell	9
<b>24</b>	Carr Manor High School	Yorkshire and Humberside	Leeds	8
<b>25</b>	Sowerby Bridge High School	Yorkshire and Humberside	Calderdale	8
<b>26</b>	Kingsmead Technology College	West Midlands	Staffordshire	8

27	Lipson Community College	South West	Plymouth	8
28	Hamble Community Sports College	South East	Hampshire	8
29	Ulverston Victoria High School	North West	Cumbria	8
30	Benton Park School	Yorkshire and Humberside	Leeds	8
31	Woodkirk Academy	Yorkshire and Humberside	Leeds	8
32	Merrill College	East Midlands	Derby	8
33	Boston Spa School	Yorkshire and Humberside	Leeds	8
34	Central Foundation Girls' School	London	Tower Hamlets	7
35	The Bishop David Brown School	South East	Surrey	7
36	Abbey Grange Church of England Academy	Yorkshire and Humberside	Leeds	7
37	Rainford High Technology College	North West	St Helens	7
38	Belgrave High School	West Midlands	Staffordshire	7
39	St Edward's Church of England School & Sixth Form College	London	Havering	7
40	Kingsford Community School	London	Newham	6
41	The Elmgreen School	London	Lambeth	6
42	Acton High School	London	Ealing	6
43	Heston Community School	London	Hounslow	6
44	Outwood Academy Valley	East Midlands	Nottinghamshire	6
45	Lawnswood School	Yorkshire and Humberside	Leeds	6
46	The Charles Dickens School	South East	Kent	6
47	Buxton Community School	East Midlands	Derbyshire	6
48	Whitcliffe Mount - Specialist Business and Enterprise College	Yorkshire and Humberside	Kirklees	6
49	The Ridgeway School & Sixth Form College	South West	Swindon	6
50	Sandwich Technology School	South East	Kent	6
51	Thornleigh Salesian College	East Midlands	Bolton	6
52	The Blue School	South West	Somerset	6
53	Chilton Trinity Technology College	South West	Somerset	6
54	Teignmouth Community School	South West	Devon	6
55	Patchway Community College <sup>11</sup>	South West	Bristol	6
56	Westborough High School	Yorkshire and Humberside	Kirklees	6
57	The Westlands School <sup>12</sup>	South West	Torbay	6
58	Madeley High School	West Midlands	Staffordshire	5
59	Lowton Church of England High School	North West	Wigan	5
60	Parkside Secondary School	Yorkshire and Humberside	Bradford	5

<sup>11</sup> Cameras are 'turned off'

<sup>12</sup> There are 'up to six cameras'



61	The Mountbatten School	South East	Hampshire	5
62	Kings Norton High School	West Midlands	Birmingham	5
63	Kettlethorpe High School, A Specialist Maths and Computing College	Yorkshire and Humberside	Wakefield	5
64	Crown Hills Community College	East Midlands	Leicester	5
65	Gumley House RC Convent School, FCJ	London	Hounslow	5
66	Ormiston Enterprise Academy	East Midlands	Derbyshire	4
67	Lostock College	North West	Trafford	4
68	Highcrest Academy	South East	Buckinghamshire	4
69	Belvidere School	West Midlands	Shropshire	4
70	Moor Park Business and Enterprise School	North West	Lancashire	4
71	Melksham Oak Community School	South West	Wiltshire	4
72	Rivers Academy West London	London	Hounslow	4
73	Sedgehill School	London	Lewisham	4
74	Dixons Allerton Academy	Yorkshire and Humberside	Bradford	4
75	Barking Abbey School, A Specialist Sports and Humanities College	London	Barking and Dagenham	4
76	Priesthorpe School	Yorkshire and Humberside	Leeds	4
77	Kingsmead School	London	Enfield	4
78	Broad Oak Sports College	North West	Bury	4
79	La Retraite Roman Catholic Girls' School	London	Lambeth	4
80	Middleton High School	North West	Manchester	4
81	Plasht School	London	Newham	4
82	Aldworth Science College	South East	Hampshire	4
83	St Gregory the Great VA Catholic Secondary School	South East	Oxfordshire	4
84	Mount St Joseph: Business and Enterprise College	East Midlands	Bolton	4
85	Ludlow Church of England School	West Midlands	Shropshire	4
86	The County High School Leftwich	North West	Cheshire West and Chester	4
87	St James's Church of England School and Sports College	East Midlands	Bolton	4
88	Horsforth School	Yorkshire and Humberside	Leeds	4
89	Priory School	South East	East Sussex	4
90	Tiverton High School	South West	Devon	4
91	The Thomas Aveling School	South East	Medway	4
92	The Kimberley School	East Midlands	Nottinghamshire	4
93	Maryhill High School	West Midlands	Staffordshire	4
94	Cullompton Community College	South West	Devon	4
95	Kings' School	South East	Hampshire	4

96	Princes Risborough	South East	Buckinghamshire	4
97	Cheadle Hulme High School <sup>13</sup>	North West	Stockport	4
98	Stanchester Community School	South West	Somerset	4
99	Testwood Sports College	South East	Hampshire	4
100	Hodgson Academy	North West	Lancashire	4
101	Theale Green Community School	South East	West Berkshire	4
102	The Romsey School	South East	Hampshire	4
103	St Paul's Catholic School	South East	Milton Keynes	4
104	Ridgewood High School	West Midlands	Dudley	4
105	Bishop Fox's School	South West	Somerset	4
106	Guildford County School	South East	Surrey	4
107	Salendine Nook High School	Yorkshire and Humberside	Kirklees	4
108	Banbury School	South East	Oxfordshire	4
109	Sir John Cass Foundation and Redcoat Church of England Secondary School	London	Tower Hamlets	3
110	Cophthall School	London	Barnet	3
111	Washwood Heath Technology College	West Midlands	Birmingham	3
112	Ashton Park School	South West	Bristol	3
113	Painsley Catholic College	West Midlands	Staffordshire	3
114	Downham Market High School - Technology College	East of England	Norfolk	3
115	Christopher Whitehead Language College	West Midlands	Worcestershire	3
116	Southborough High School	London	Kingston upon Thames	3
117	Ellesmere Port Catholic High School	North West	Cheshire West and Chester	3
118	John Cabot Academy	South West	South Gloucestershire	3
119	Holy Family Catholic High School, Carlton	Yorkshire and Humberside	North Yorkshire	3
120	Warminster Kingdown	South West	Wiltshire	3
121	Fullbrook School	South East	Surrey	3
122	King Edward VI High School	West Midlands	Staffordshire	3
123	Collingwood College	South East	Surrey	3
124	Alleyne's High School	West Midlands	Staffordshire	3
125	John Hanson Community School	South East	Hampshire	3
126	St Gabriel's RC High School	North West	Bury	3
127	Wellsway School	South West	Bristol	3
128	Exmouth Community College	South West	Devon	3
129	City of Leeds School	Yorkshire and Humberside	Leeds	2

<sup>13</sup> Cameras are 'not in use'

130	Newall Green High School	North West	Manchester	2
131	The Lord Silkin School	West Midlands	Telford and Wrekin	2
132	Easthampstead Park Community School	South East	Bracknell Forest	2
133	The Royal Docks Community School	London	Newham	2
134	Almondbury High School and Language College	Yorkshire and Humberside	Kirklees	2
135	Cleeve Park School	London	Bexley	2
136	Astley Sports College and Community High School	North West	Tameside	2
137	The Challenge College	Yorkshire and Humberside	Bradford	2
138	King Richard School	South East	Portsmouth	2
139	Ormiston Sir Stanley Matthews Academy	West Midlands	Stoke-on-Trent	2
140	Queen's Park High School	North West	Cheshire West and Chester	2
141	The Hastings Academy	South East	East Sussex	2
142	Copland Community School	London	Brent	2
143	Mayfield School	South East	Portsmouth	2
144	Blessed Trinity RC College	North West	Lancashire	2
145	Wadham School	South West	Somerset	2
146	St John Bosco Arts College	North West	Liverpool	2
147	Hessle Federation	Yorkshire and Humber	East Riding of Yorkshire	2
148	William Beamont Community High School	North West	Warrington	2
149	Pent Valley Technology College	South East	Kent	2
150	The Hayling College	South East	Hampshire	2
151	Matthew Moss High School	North West	Rochdale	2
152	The Brunts Academy	East Midlands	Nottinghamshire	2
153	Wetherby High School	Yorkshire and Humberside	Leeds	2
154	Framingham Earl High School	East of England	Norfolk	2
155	Titus Salt School	Yorkshire and Humberside	Bradford	2
156	Wood Green School	South East	Oxfordshire	2
157	Earlsheaton Technology College	Yorkshire and Humberside	Kirklees	2
158	Marple Hall School - A Specialist Language College	North West	Stockport	2
159	Bournville School and Sixth Form Centre	West Midlands	Birmingham	2
160	Denefield School	South East	West Berkshire	2
161	Severn Vale School	South West	Gloucestershire	2
162	Reddish Vale Technology College	North West	Stockport	2
163	Pilton Community College	South West	Devon	2
164	Hassenbrook School Specialist Technology College	East of England	Essex	2

165	Hearon Gate Science College	East Midlands	Derbyshire	2
166	Glyn School	South East	Surrey	2
167	Rodborough Technology College	South East	Surrey	2
168	Tibshelf School	East Midlands	Derbyshire	2
169	Impington Village College	East of England	Cambridgeshire	2
170	Manor School and Sports College	East Midlands	Northamptonshire	2
171	Swanwick Hall School	East Midlands	Derbyshire	2
172	Hounslowdown School	South East	Hampshire	2
173	The Brittons Academy Trust	London	Havering	1
174	Thistley Hough High School	West Midlands	Stoke-on-Trent	1
175	William Parker Sports College	South East	East Sussex	1
176	Lawrence Sheriff School <sup>14</sup>	West Midlands	Warwickshire	1
177	St Chads Catholic and Church of England High School	North West	Halton	1
178	Long Field School	East Midlands	Leicestershire	1
179	Highbury Fields School	London	Islington	1
180	St Cuthbert Mayne School	South West	Torbay	1
181	Cowplain Community School	South East	Hampshire	1
182	Kingsbury High School	London	Brent	1
183	St Peter's School	East of England	Cambridgeshire	1
184	Cams Hill School	South East	Hampshire	1
185	Plumstead Manor / Negus School	London	Greenwich	1
186	The Grey Coat Hospital	London	Westminster	1
187	Upton-by-Chester High School	North West	Cheshire West and Chester	1
188	The Chantry School	West Midlands	Worcestershire	1
189	Salesian School, Chertsey	South East	Surrey	1
190	Woodbrook Vale High School	East Midlands	Leicestershire	1
191	Bishop Walsh Catholic School	West Midlands	Birmingham	1
192	The Marlborough Church of England School	South East	Oxfordshire	1
193	Westbourne Sports College	East of England	Suffolk	1
194	Eckington School	East Midlands	Derbyshire	1
195	Rushcliffe School	East Midlands	Nottingham	1
196	Greig City Academy	London	Haringey	Yes
197	Stockport School	North West	Stockport	Yes
198	Great Barr School <sup>15</sup>	West Midlands	Birmingham	Yes
199	Rawlett Community Sports College	West Midlands	Tamworth	Yes
200	Woolwich Polytechnic School for Boys	London	Greenwich	Yes
201	Longhill High School	South East	Brighton and Hove	Yes

<sup>14</sup> Cameras are 'not operational'

<sup>15</sup> Cameras are located in the corridors outside the toilet area looking onto the hand-washing and drying area.

202	South Charwood High School	East Midlands	Leicestershire	Yes
203	St Edmund's Catholic School	South East	Portsmouth	Yes
204	Raynes Park High School	London	Merton	Yes
205	St Bede's Catholic Grammar School	Yorkshire and Humberside	Bradford	Yes
206	Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy	North West	Halton	Yes

**Table 6: Number of schools per region with cameras in bathrooms or changing rooms.**

Region	Number of schools
South East	42
Yorkshire and Humberside	33
North West	28
London	27
West Midlands	26
East Midlands	23
South West	21
East of England	7
North East	0

## Appendix 1: Methodology

Starting on the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2012, a Freedom of Information request was sent to 4,092 secondary schools. In this request we asked for the total number of cameras on the premises, the number of cameras inside, the number of cameras inside bathrooms and changing rooms and the number of pupils. We received responses from 2,107 schools.

For the purposes of this report we included all responses received up to and including 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2012.

Due to the sensitive nature of the data many schools asked us not to release their individual details. We are happy to respect this concern and disclose information responsibly. Accordingly, we have decided to not make the following information available:

- A full list of every school and how many cameras they have
- A full local authority breakdown.

This decision has been made in order to not highlight areas of the country where there are no cameras.

## Appendix 2: Freedom of Information Request

Freedom of Information Request

Dear **School X**

As an organisation in receipt of public funding, your school is included under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act. This means that members of the public are able to request information, and under the Act I would like to request some details of your school's use of CCTV.

Specifically, I am writing under the terms of the Act to request information relating to the use of CCTV and biometric identification systems in your school. I am especially interested in the number of cameras your school may operate, the location of these cameras and the use of biometric identity technology by your school.

If you are able to provide answers to the following questions, it would be appreciated.

- 1.) The total number of CCTV cameras on your school premises as of 1<sup>st</sup> May 2012;
- 2.) The number of CCTV cameras located inside school buildings as of 1<sup>st</sup> May 2012;
- 3.) Are any of these cameras located in school changing rooms or bathrooms as of 1<sup>st</sup> May 2012?
- 4.) Whether parents of pupils enrolled in the school were consulted about the installation of CCTV before it's installation
- 5.) The number of pupils enrolled in your school as of 1<sup>st</sup> May 2012
- 6.) Details of any internal guidance document relating to the use of the above technologies

Under the terms of the Act, you have an obligation to provide any information that you hold within twenty working days. I would be grateful if you could confirm receipt of this request as soon as possible. My preferred means of receiving information is electronically, but I am happy to accept postal copies.

### About Big Brother Watch

Big Brother Watch was set up to challenge policies that threaten our privacy, our freedoms and our civil liberties, and to expose the true scale of the surveillance state.

Founded in 2009, we have produced unique research exposing the erosion of civil liberties in the UK, looking at the dramatic expansion of surveillance powers, the growth of the database state and the misuse of personal information.

We campaign to give individuals more control over their personal data, and hold to account those who fail to respect our privacy, whether private companies, government departments or local authorities.

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