

30th April 2026

Re: Subject: Use of Video Recording in Lessons for Teacher Development

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all your support throughout this academic year, it has been an extremely positive and we hope this continues through to summer.

As part of our ongoing commitment at Heath Lane Academy to providing the best education for our pupils, we will be using video technology (IRIS Connect) to capture what is happening in some of our lessons. When used, the device will be positioned at the back of the classroom and looks similar to a mobile phone device.

These recordings will be used solely for teacher development, with a particular focus on helping our teachers to reflect on and improve their practice through professional dialogue and feedback. We want our teachers to be the best teachers they can be and believe our use of video technology will help continue their professional development – in turn, this will help us to provide our pupils with the best teaching which will equip them with the learning they need to succeed in their studies.

Please be assured that the following points have been considered:

- Pupil privacy - recordings will be securely stored and only accessible to relevant school staff. Once they have been used for teacher development, the recordings will be deleted.
- No recordings will be shared externally – recordings will only be used for the purpose of teacher development at Heath Lane Academy.
- Pupils will not be individually identified – the camera will predominantly capture the back of students' heads, and will focus on teacher delivery and teaching strategies in the classroom

We believe this teacher development programme will contribute positively to the learning experience of our pupils and support our teachers in delivering the best education for your child.

If you have any concerns regarding this, please feel free to contact me via email at:
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Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



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