

Chelmer Valley High School — ICO Reprimand for Unlawful Facial-Recognition Canteen Payments

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Pending C-NAPSE evaluation

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

Chelmer Valley High School in Essex used CRB Cunninghams facial-recognition tech for cashless canteen payments from March 2023 without a completed DPIA. The UK ICO reprimanded the school in July 2024 for invalid consent and an 8-month compliance gap.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of learning impact	0/3
Equity & inclusion	0/3
Transparency, ethics & data protection	0/3
Teacher capability & pedagogy	0/3
Scalability & sustainability	0/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-16

[Chelmer Valley High School \(technology supplied by CRB Cunninghams\)](#) — accessed 2026-08-16

[Biometric Update: coverage of the ICO reprimand](#) — accessed 2026-08-16

[ICO: formal reprimand notice](#) — accessed 2026-08-16

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