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# MARK RUTHERFORD SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

You may be aware that we have a number of CCTV cameras installed at various points around the school site, please see our CCTV Policy on the school website for clarification of the purpose of our system.

In order to further enhance safeguarding arrangements for students, we recently consulted our Governors on our proposal to install a fixed position camera in the communal areas of student toilets. Other secondary schools who have also done this have found that installing these cameras has helped students feel safe and that it reduces incidents of vandalism.

Our toilets are predominantly used by students during break and lunch times. Whilst we have members of staff on duty outside at these times, we have had complaints from a number of students about anti-social behaviour. We want all students to feel safe at all times whilst in school and we feel it is necessary that we act upon students concerns. The Governing Body are fully supportive of the proposal.

Camera installation in these areas would not breach the privacy of any student whilst in the cubicles.

The installation would ensure that cameras are not pointed at cubicles or urinals and that they will be facing the sink area. The cameras will be fixed and non-audio. Camera footage would only be accessible by senior staff following concerns regarding anti-social behaviour in the toilets, footage automatically deletes from our system after 30 days.

Both the Governing Body and the Senior Leadership Team feel that the proposed CCTV installation in the communal area of the toilets is necessary.

We hope that this reassures you that the privacy of our students will not be compromised. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Mrs Simmonds (School Business Manager) [j.simmonds@mrus.co.uk](mailto:j.simmonds@mrus.co.uk).

Yours sincerely

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