19th Dec 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

We wrote to you recently asking for your input in regard to CCTV use in the student toilets. We informed you that the CCTV would be used in accordance with our policy (on the school website).  The CCTV would only monitor communal areas of the facility (e.g. hand basins and entrance areas).  The cameras do not cover inside private cubicles or the urinals. There is no recording of sound. The footage would only be viewed if an incident is reported and only by select authorised staff.

We had a good response from you and the vast majority supported the use of CCTV in the communal areas of the toilets. We also shared this message with our students and encouraged them to speak to their Student Voice representative.

During our bi-weekly Executive Student Voice meeting we shared your messages and discussed the feedback from students. The Student Voice group also saw the image the CCTV captures in the toilets and were able to confirm that only the communal areas were visible. After a full discussion a vote was taken and also confirmed the groups support for CCTV to be activated in the toilets. The CCTV will be activated from the 7th January 2020 when the students return for the start of the Spring Term.

Many thanks for your input and your continuing support of St Joseph’s.

Mr T McCabe

Headteacher