

April 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

RE: Consultation on expansion of CCTV

I am writing to notify you of the upcoming consultation on the school's expansion of the existing CCTV surveillance system. The consultation period will run from Tuesday 25th April until Tuesday 9th May; during this time, parents are invited to express their views and any concerns about the addition of CCTV cameras at Redhill School.

We believe that consultation is a key element of the process; this will help us understand your reaction to the proposal and inform you of the plans going forward.

We propose to introduce these additional surveillance measures in order to ensure;

- We maintain a safe environment for members of our school community.
- The welfare of pupils (including behaviour management), staff, volunteers and visitors.
- Deter criminal acts against persons and property.
- Assist in identifying persons who have committed an offence.

We propose to install an additional 43 cameras to our existing system. We currently have 46 cameras on site. The new cameras will cover corridor and outside areas of the school that are not captured by our current cameras.

As a school, we strive to be transparent about how we use and store data. We recognise that recording images of identifiable individuals constitutes as processing personal information; therefore, we ensure our surveillance is undertaken in line with data protection principles in the GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018.

We would like to reassure you that CCTV cameras are only placed where they do not intrude on anyone's privacy and are necessary to fulfil their purpose.

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Any footage that is no longer required for security purposes is destroyed in line with the GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018.

All responses to the consultation should be made in writing and submitted before 5pm on Tuesday 9th May to: info@redhill.dudley.sch.uk

Please note that written responses should outline your personal details, including your name, address and relationship to the school.

At the end of the consultation period, the school will meet to consider responses. The outcome of the consultation will be published on the school website.

If you wish to further discuss this matter, or anything mentioned in this letter, please contact the school office on phone number or email address.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Clayton Headteacher