



**Sponne School**  
A Music & Science Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers

### **Introduction of CCTV in School Toilets**

Happy New Year, I hope you all had an enjoyable festive period. At Sponne, the safety and well-being of our students are of paramount importance. To this end, we continuously review and improve our policies and facilities to ensure a secure and supportive learning environment for all.

Recently, we have observed an increase in incidents of anti-social behaviour and vandalism within the school toilets, which poses a threat to the health, safety, and welfare of our students. This is also in response to student surveys where students have highlighted the toilets as an area of concern for them. To address these issues effectively, we are installing some Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) in the toilet areas.

### **Purpose of CCTV Installation:**

1. **Health and Safety:** Monitoring these areas will help us promptly address any emergencies or incidents that may compromise the safety of our students.
2. **Deterrence of Anti-Social Behaviour:** The presence of CCTV will act as a deterrent to behaviours such as bullying, vandalism, vaping and other misconduct.
3. **Protection of School Property:** Preventing vandalism will help maintain a clean and safe environment, reducing repair costs and disruptions.

**Privacy Considerations:** We understand the importance of privacy, especially in sensitive areas like toilets. Therefore, the CCTV cameras will be installed in a way that respects the privacy of students, privacy masking is also used where necessary.

We believe this measure will contribute significantly to creating a safer and more respectful environment for everyone. Your support and cooperation are greatly appreciated as we strive to enhance the safety and well-being of our students.

Thank you for your attention and understanding.

Yours sincerely

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