



Church of England School  
Executive Head and CEO: Dr Hilary Macaulay

6<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Expansion of CCTV at Bishop Ramsey**

I write to inform you of an expansion to the CCTV coverage at Bishop Ramsey that has taken place over the summer.

Cameras are in place covering all communal areas and corridors in schools, and are there to protect the students, staff, and property at the school.

The new cameras also cover the entrance area and sinks in the student toilets. We want all our students to feel safe in every area of the school, and the toilets in any school are an area where poor behaviour can occur. This is why many schools have placed cameras in these areas, and in new school buildings, toilets are often built 'open plan', with the sink areas open to the corridors. In recent years, we have had some incidents of vandalism by a small minority of students. These incidents have led to toilet blocks being closed to students and it has cost a significant amount of money to repair.

Today the students have been made aware of this change and the reasons for it. Please be assured that the cameras do not move, and they are in locations where they cannot see into cubicles, urinals or changing areas. Furthermore, our cameras are not constantly monitored by operatives, but are viewed from securely stored recordings when requested by authorised staff. To reassure them of privacy, the students have today been shown screen shots of what the cameras can see.

If you have any questions, please email [office@bishopramsey.school](mailto:office@bishopramsey.school)

Yours sincerely,

**Mr M Britton**  
Deputy Headteacher