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NOTE

Documents 1, 2 and 4 refer to three different schools.

DOCUMENT 1

STUDENTS WALK OUT OF LESSONS IN PROTEST AGAINST BIG BROTHER CAMERAS

Students have walked out of classrooms in protest against CCTV cameras recording their lessons. They were so angry with the installation of the equipment, they refused to return until they received assurances it had been turned off. It meant they missed three weeks of studies and led to the drafting of a petition signed by about 150 of their peers. And when they did return to the classroom they all wore masks to continue their protest.

1

The school said the equipment has been installed in two classrooms to capture footage showing examples of best practice in the profession, and would not be used without students' knowledge. The head teacher says the new technology would only serve to drive up standards at the school, which is consistently one of the best performers in the county.

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Source: East London and West Essex Guardian

A RESPONSE BY A STUDENT

I was not one of the students who protested, but many of us were unhappy about the cameras at first, because we thought they were spying on us. We didn't like the idea that our every move would be watched and could be brought up in evidence against us. Now it has been explained that they focus on teachers, not students, most of us have no objection. In fact, we already have CCTV cameras in corridors and other parts of the school, which are for the purpose of monitoring student behaviour, and the only people who object to them are trouble-makers who don't want to be caught. So the only real issue was that the school shouldn't have installed the cameras without asking our permission.

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DOCUMENT 2

SCREEN TEST: THE SCHOOL WHERE THE TEACHERS ARE ON CAMERA

A young woman is teaching 11- and 12-year-olds in a Year Seven French class, and knows what is happening behind her as if she has eyes in the back of her head. Which she has, but they are not her eyes.

1

On the ceiling are two small black domes, each hiding a camera that transmits her lesson to the school's computer network. Across the corridor, an assistant head watches on a monitor. "Ask Kieran a question," she tells the teacher, who picks up the message through an earphone. "Target language," she orders, a quick way of saying it's time to stop speaking English and try a bit of French.

2

This is a high school that has taken lesson observation to a new level by installing cameras and microphones in the classroom. A growing number of schools are using CCTV cameras to oversee students in communal areas, but the comprehensive is one of the first to use them to monitor teachers.

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It's a bold experiment aimed at raising teaching standards at the school. The head teacher, transferred from another school four years ago to improve standards, says the cameras are being used to help teachers develop rather than to judge them. Since his arrival, results have climbed from 18% five A*- to C-grade GCSEs to 52% last year. The cameras have made a "very significant" contribution to the improvement, says the head, because, after sorting out discipline, improving the standard of teaching was one of the main challenges he faced.

4

The deputy head in charge of the project admits that nobody likes having their performance examined closely. There was a lot of apprehension at first, he explains, so the monitoring was made voluntary and part of staff self-development. He claims it's clear from the large number of staff changes that the weakest teachers have already left and their replacements are expected to agree to whatever it takes to improve the chances of children from some of the most deprived parts of the city.

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Source: The Independent

DOCUMENT 3

TEACHERS DISTRUST CCTV IN THE CLASSROOM

Nearly a quarter of teachers are worried about hidden surveillance cameras in their schools.

1

In a survey of 249 primary and secondary teachers in state and private schools across the UK nearly 10% say CCTV is operating in toilets, and almost a quarter worry that hidden cameras have been installed within the building. The survey, conducted by the Association of Teachers and Lecturers (ATL), found that most of the CCTV cameras in schools cover the grounds and entrances to buildings, although 85% of schools have CCTV in their buildings.

2

While more than half of teachers (52.9%) say they feel safer as a result of CCTV, the general view from the survey was that classroom surveillance is an invasion of privacy, disrupts education and leads to teachers feeling constantly watched and judged.

3

According to the survey, 97.6% of teachers feel CCTV is primarily used for security and monitoring vandalism around the building. However, half of the teachers reported that the surveillance is also present inside the school to monitor the behaviour of the pupils within school hours. Some 16% said it was used for controlling student behaviour, while 10.4% said CCTV was used to control truancy and 72.6% said it was used to monitor and control vandalism.

4

Teachers are concerned that regular use of cameras in class would be intimidating, ATL found. But 42.3% thought that streaming CCTV footage over the internet for controlled groups such as parents was a “useful development only to be used in limited circumstances”. Most teachers questioned believed that CCTV made them safer at school and 60.7% of teachers said CCTV could have positive uses, such as reducing the level of abuse against staff and students.

5

However, more than half of the teachers involved in the survey thought the presence of CCTV cameras would not result in students behaving any differently. And nearly two-thirds of teachers surveyed did not know what security measures their school has for use of CCTV within their schools, and are not sure about the policies for restricting the use of surveillance data.

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Source: The Guardian

DOCUMENT 4

SCHOOL REMOVES CCTV CAMERAS FROM CHILDREN'S TOILETS AFTER FURIOUS PROTEST FROM PARENTS

A school has been forced to remove CCTV cameras they installed in the students' toilets after furious protests from pupils and parents. Hundreds of outraged students petitioned against the cameras after they spotted them in the toilets and even refused to use the loos all day so they were not caught on CCTV. Other children were kept at home by their families rather than expose themselves to the "gross invasion of privacy".

1

Concerns were first raised when pupils returned from their half-term holiday and spotted the cameras. The head teacher said contractors fitted them on the orders of another staff member, who did not have the installation approved by him or school governors. He added that the system had now been disabled and would be removed as soon as possible.

2

He said: "There was quite rightly a perception that there could be an invasion of privacy, even though the cameras were not aimed at the cubicles. We are grateful to the students who raised it with us in a mature way and to their parents." He added that there was no particular problem with toilet bullying or vandalism that would have required surveillance.

3

A 15-year-old boy, who did not wish to be named, said the cameras were aimed at the hand basins. He said: “They are the round cameras that can move. I’m not very happy about it. It feels a bit strange when you are going to the loo.”

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Source: The Daily Mail

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