



# Gillotts School - CCTV Consultation

QUESTIONS

RESPONSES 45

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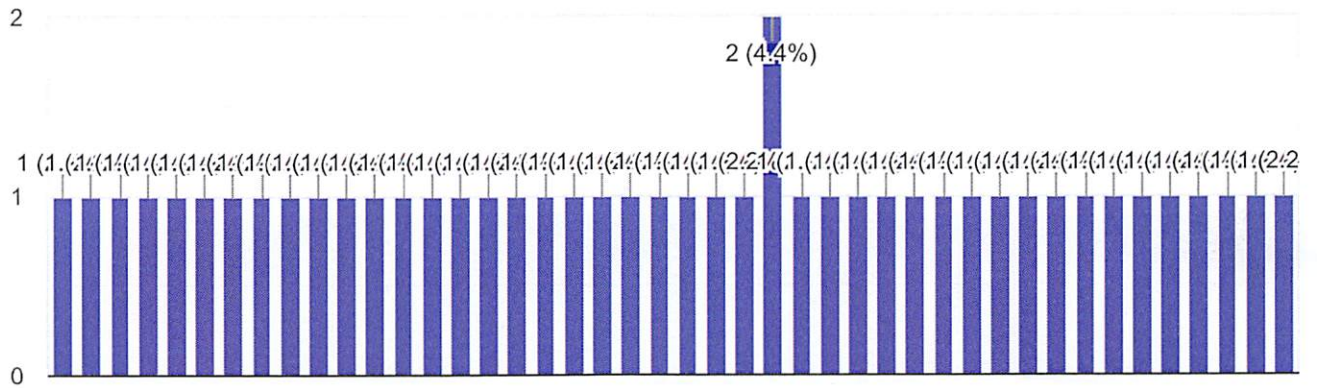
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SUMMARY

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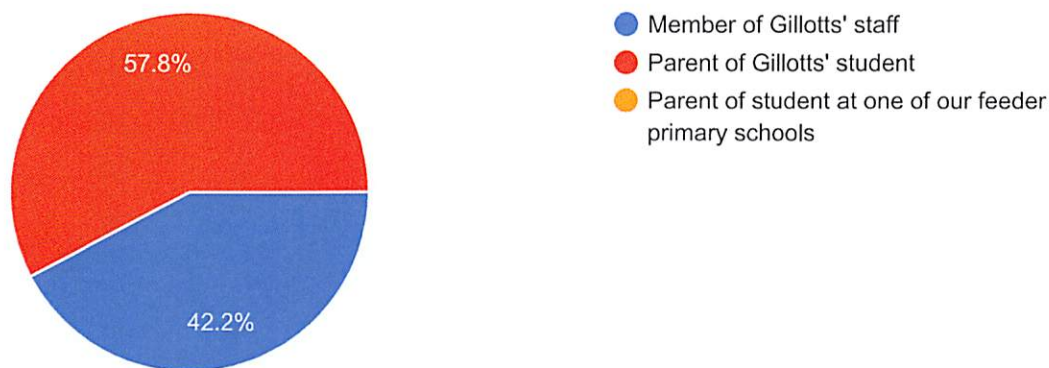
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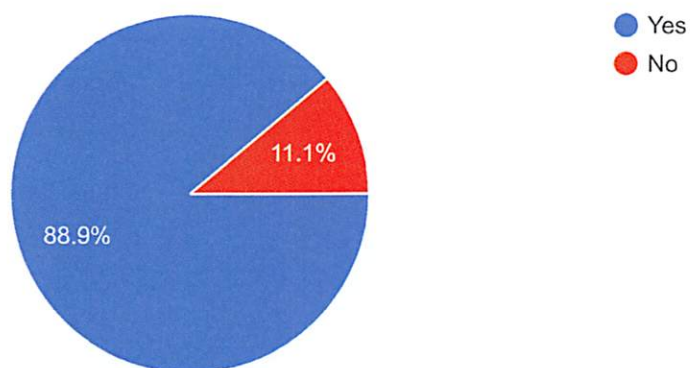
## Which of the following are you (tick one only)?

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Are you broadly in favour of the introduction of 24 hour CCTV recording at Gillotts to all external areas and to those internal areas having limited supervision?

45 responses



Please use the space below to provide any comments on this consultation.

23 responses

Can't happen soon enough

The use of CCTV, whilst students are at school is an abuse of their rights to go about their daily business without the threat of a 'big brother' taking action against them. As there is no clear justification for the extension of CCTV into school hours and any conceivable issues can be solved without the blanket use of CCTV I am whole heartedly against this action.

Hello, think it would be great to have as much cctv in school as possible. I hope it would support the school in helping deal with pupils who vandalise school property.

Good idea

As I manage one of the areas which is proposed to have CCTV introduced I'd like to be kept up to date with progress on the consultation. I am interested in the use of cameras to help monitor behaviour and to assist in identifying students.

I'm guessing this will be a precursor to expanding the CCTV monitoring to all areas all of the time? I want my boys to enjoy all aspects of schooling and not feel like they are under constant surveillance with their every move being monitored.

I think this is too simplified a question, it really needs to be divided into a number of separate sub-questions. However, in order to provide some useful feedback, I can say that I am completely in favour of CCTV monitoring both internally and externally out of school hours. Inside school hours, I would again be in favour of CCTV monitoring the perimeter of the school site, the parking area, reception and all boundary entrances and exits. I would however not be in favour of any monitoring inside the school buildings or the quad or the fields. Big Brother may be watching everyone in China, but I do not want my children to grow up in an oppressive / overly monitored environment.

I have no objection to CCTV being recorded 24 hours per day

Working in a department which is somewhat secluded and on the edge of the school with a huge amount of equipment in it, I am in great favour of having CCTV on at all times in order to provide a more secure environment.

Given that the outside area near my department is, at times used for students to truant/sneak out of school site during school hours I think that having CCTV evidence that they have left site/are not in school when they should be would be most beneficial for keeping a more accurate account of where the students are and would reduce the reliance upon staff witnesses to relay when they may have seen students out and about.

Lastly, with recent fire alarms being set off and not being able to view who was entering departments at the time of the incidents, I think it would be much more useful to be able to pinpoint which staff and students were in the appropriate areas at which times so as to get to the bottom of the issue more quickly.

I believe that the expansion of CCTV will help reduce instances of damage, therefore reducing unnecessary time critical repairs and will save the school budget in the long term. Of course, this is not only about reducing the negative impact upon our budget, but is also about keeping the students safe. It is a concern that in the act of vandalism a student could hurt themselves or others.

We should be able to focus resources on improving the students learning environment, rather than fixing damage that could have potentially been avoided with surveillance.

I also believe that until the site is fully secured CCTV will add an extra deterrent from anyone entering the site who shouldn't be there.

With the correct controls and management in place increasing the use of CCTV to inside and out, 24/7 is the most logical decision in order to save resources in the long term. Prevention should be our priority and this is exactly what CCTV will do; but only if fully implemented inside and out, 24/7.

I hope that this helps.

The school isn't a closed site. 24 hour CCTV would deter poor behaviour/crime. If this is an issue, I would support the move.

However, it could create a 'Big brother' feeling.

I would hope that staff and children's points of view are heard.

It is a tool that can be used to help members of the school community. I trust the schools professional's not to abuse this resource.

I am very strongly in favour of 24hr CCTV recording at Gillotts in ALL areas. I have two main reasons to support this initiative: 1) to act as a deterrent - if pupils/outsideers know there is CCTV, they are less likely to do any damage if they know there is a greater likelihood of getting caught; 2) catching the people that cause any damage / stealing and bringing charges if necessary. I dread to think how many resources (time: staff time, police time, fire service time; money: repairs, replacements, paying for the police etc) are wasted due to a few brainless individuals/groups of individuals intent on causing damage/theft, particularly when the school budgets and staff time are already so limited. I am 100% in favour of 24hr CCTV coverage in any parts (internal or external) of the school grounds.

This would be hugely positive especially in the OLC.

I can think of several incidents this year where the ability to view CCTV footage would have been incredibly valuable. I think it is a matter of student and staff safety.

It is hoped that CCTV in the OLC will prevent some serious disruption in the future. Because in the past year there have been incidents of serious disruption in the OLC. For example - a whole three shelves of books strewn on the floor while culprits run out before OLC staff can reprimand. Another example - A book actually thrown at a member of OLC staff which hit her on the head. Many other minor stupid patterns of behaviour. The OLC need CCTV so that perhaps staff can identify students who refuse to give their names.

Extra security is so important.

Not in areas where privacy required eg showers, toilets and changing rooms

I object for several reasons. I have talked to my daughter about her views and taking them into consideration: CCTV creates an unnecessary atmosphere of tension and repression. It gives the pupils a feeling that danger is imminent and could make pupils feel 'watched', however in reality Henley is a very safe place and it's important that students reap the benefit of this and feel free and safe. It's important for positive mental health. Where is the funding coming from? Again, risk of an incident is low, this money would be better spent directly on education or improving the school's maintenance. My daughter tells me about small issues, such as old and worn locks to a school door or that there is not enough money to replace broken PE equipment if needed.

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Item 5:

I think further clarification is needed around item 5 on what constitutes an "issue" which would lead to CCTV footage being retained beyond 21 days. For example should an "issue" be confined to suspect criminal behaviour? Or there should be a duty to inform relevant students/parents if such CCTV footage is being retained and the reason for doing so unless this would jeopardise a criminal investigation.

Item 7:

Right to request CCTV footage relating to "themselves" should include parents right to request footage involving their children.

I can't think of any reason why this is not a good idea, given the thought that has gone in to the policy.

I'm totally in favour. It would enable the staff to identify and hold accountable the pupils who smoke behind the boys PE changing room and those that leave the premises at lunchtime.

Please tick to indicate if you are happy for any comments to be published.  
We would not publish your name, just the comments.

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