

John Colet CCTV Policy

As part of the commitment to security and safety, John Colet has a CCTV system amongst its security measures. Visitors are notified of CCTV through notices at various access points to the site.

John Colet uses the CCTV system primarily as a deterrent against crime, both during the school day and out of school hours. The CCTV is used to detect and record any incidents that arise e.g. vandalism, unauthorised access and assault.

The CCTV system operates around the clock and any incidents recorded that show or appear to show an incident such as the above may be copied to the Police as part of John Colet's work within the Safer Schools Partnership. In the main, this will be where a potential crime has occurred and where images captured show individuals.

There are many schools that suffer bullying. At John Colet, we have an anti-bullying policy which is applied rigourously and is available for inspection on request. The CCTV system may be used to capture images of students who are bullying. As such, the school may take appropriate action as a result of any images captured. Where this does occur parents/carers will be able to view the images along with staff at the school. This will enable the school and parents/carers to work together to resolve the problems that have occurred.

To reassure all stakeholders, the school wishes to state categorically that images are regularly erased after 31 days. We will only retain images where an incident has occurred and these images are required to resolve the situation. Parents/careers/ staff will be informed if their image is kept beyond 31 days.

The images are kept secure by restricted access to key staff. The facility to download images is restricted to the Headteacher, Site Manager and an Assistant Headteacher. Viewing of images will only occur with permission of the same.