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I have read your blog post about CCTV systems and would like to share my opinion with you.

Nowadays schools tend to have problems like bullying, arguments and maybe even rows. Sometimes even the teachers make mistakes or commit crimes. However, such activities shouldn’t happen, especially around such young children. On the one hand, school needs regulations to supervise children and staff in these matters. On the other hand, I don’t think that CCTV is the way to go.

If you think about it for a second, of what use are CCTV systems? On the surface they monitor the situation at schools and record video material for later use. But they also change how children feel about going to school. They feel watched. I agree that some people might feel more secure because of CCTV. Nevertheless, this doesn’t solve the problem at all. Bullies are not reluctant to commit a crime only because a security camera watches them. They seek attention. As a study I recently read shows that’s the reason why they bully in the first place.

CCTV brings another problem: the privacy of the individuals. I don’t want my child to go to a school where every move is being watched and recorded. Moreover, these systems are very expensive. Not only the initial setup and installation, but also the maintenance of such technology. And last but not least, children will develop distrust towards their peers if CCTV systems follow them everywhere because they know that these cameras are not there for nothing.

Thanks for getting everyone to think about this important topic. Keep on writing!

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