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Objective	To work with families to ensure that children feel safe and secure on their journey to school
Sub Objective	To respond positively to parental concern about behaviour on school buses
Objective Detail	To promote the installation of CCTV cameras on school buses to monitor the behaviour of students and deal with inappropriate situations
What We Did	We had some parental complaints about smoking and possible bullying on school buses as well as concerns from drivers about minor vandalism/graffiti and children walking around the bus, not using seat belts. We asked one coach contractor if they would pilot the CCTV system in one particular bus to see if such concerns could be identified and reduced. They agreed to this at a cost of £2000 for a 3 camera installation.
How Well It Worked	<p>Within the first week of installation two different incidents were recorded, still photographs downloaded and emailed to the school. When challenged, the students were amazed to see that we had the photographic evidence to identify their involvement in the incidents. Word spread like wild fire and the behaviour of the students improved dramatically.</p> <p>As a consequence the local authority then issued contracts requesting that the school buses are fitted with CCTV so 75% of the buses now have these.</p>
Benefits We See	<p>The incidents of reported and actual inappropriate behaviour have decreased dramatically so that students do feel much safer coming to school on the buses.</p> <p>Also parental complaints about buses leaving too early or late can be checked out by the times on the video recordings.</p>

School / Organisation	The Chalfonts Community College
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