

Lesson 2



We know where you are

A secondary school in Doncaster is trying out a scheme where microchips (RFID tags) are sewn into students' school uniform e.g. badges or blazers.

The chip sends out a radio signal that gets picked up as the students pass scanners located around the school.

This allows teachers to instantly check whether students are at school and quickly inform parents if their children are missing. Parents have peace of mind knowing their children are safe and the school can keep track of students who are missing lessons.

Despite there being many benefits of such a system, some people feel that this is going a step too far and invading students' right to personal privacy.



In your groups discuss the following questions:

1. What do you think about using microchips to keep track of students' whereabouts?
2. Do you think it will help to keep them safe?
3. Do you think it will help to reduce truancy from lessons?
4. Do you think that it is an invasion of privacy?

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