

MJC/jr

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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to you as we look forward to a busy but exciting term ahead. The Summer term brings so many wonderful events and opportunities for all, with things happening nearly every week, so please keep a close eye on the Wildern Weekly and the calendar of activities on that so that you don't miss anything!

The purpose of this letter however is to update you on toilets and our Summer term plans to try to address the concerns some of you have voiced.

Toilet facts:

We occasionally get comments that students have come home complaining that there are no toilets open during the day, this is not the case.

During lesson time there are 2 blocks of toilets open the entire time, normally block 6 by reception and block 2 by the LRC. There are plenty of cubicles in each of these toilet areas and they are a short and easy walk from any point in the school.

Should a block be closed for whatever reason, there are signs up to indicate which toilet block is open instead.

Each break time all toilet blocks are open and are allocated to each year group.

Year 7 - D@rt

Year 8 - Block 2

Year 9 - Block 6

Year 10 - Block 5

Year 11 - Block 3

There are plenty of cubicles/urinals for students to use in each block.

Toilet Passes:

If a student has a medical reason for needing the toilet frequently then we can issue them a toilet pass that allows them access to the open blocks but also the accessible toilets that are in every block of the school. If your child requires a toilet pass for medical reasons, please contact First Aid to arrange a meeting to create a medical support plan.

If a student needs to go to the toilet during the lesson, the teacher will issue them with a pink pass that they should carry to and from the toilet. This means that staff will not stop them on their way around the school and they can return to the lesson as soon as possible. Each time a student leaves the room for the toilet, they will receive a neutraleref that indicates they have been allowed to go. This lets us monitor students who are regularly leaving lessons.

If a student needs to access sanitary products throughout the day, they can get these from First Aid, Student Services or the LRC and just need to ask.

Staff on Duty:

We have changed duties so that there are now additional staff outside the doors to each toilet block. They will monitor the use of the toilets throughout each breaktime and will support students whilst there if they have concerns.

Notices:

We will be sharing the rules and expectations throughout the week with all students through assemblies. The expectations will also be on display in toilets and tutor bases. When students do not meet expectations we will follow this up with sanctions.

We expect students to continue to report all concerns about toilets as they have been doing, by alerting staff or by using the "My Wildern" form.

Here are the expectations we are sharing with the students:

Toilet Do's and Don'ts

Please do	Please Don't
Have only one person per cubicle	Eat in the toilets/cubicles
Wash your hands after going to the toilet	Use phones in the toilet areas
Use the facilities and then leave.	Hang around in the cubicle or areas by the sinks.
Line up outside the toilet if all cubicles are full	Vape (this is a non-smoking/vaping site)
Leave others alone whilst they are in the cubicles	Play music/take photos
Treat all the furniture and facilities with respect	Bang on the doors
Use the bins provided	
Flush the toilets when finished	
Report any damage or faults immediately, even if you break something.	
Treat others with politeness and kindness.	

We expect that by adding these additional resources to monitoring the toilets in school, that they will be treated with the respect and care they are intended for. Please take a moment to talk to your child about their responsibilities when using the toilets and encourage them to talk to staff if there are concerns.

Yours faithfully

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