

Policy status

Recommended with a review every four years.

Consultation

This policy was established and reviewed by the all school staff in consultation with the Governing Body.

Aims

- To maximise access to pupils' toilet facilities during the day to promote the health, wellbeing and learning opportunities of all pupils.
- To provide good quality toilet facilities throughout the school.

Rationale: Why we are writing this policy?

- The school recognises that well-maintained toilet facilities where pupils feel comfortable, safe and have open access to throughout the school day, are essential for health, wellbeing, and learning.
- We value and respect our pupils and want them to be able to benefit from good provision and practice.

Objectives: What do we want to achieve?

- To ensure that this policy is both accepted and upheld by the whole school community - school management, staff, pupils, governors, parents, site manager, cleaning and support staff.
- To keep all toilets open and available to pupils throughout the school day. While pupils can use toilet facilities at break and lunchtimes if they need to, we ensure pupils have access at all times. We recognise that toilet needs are highly individual and do not conform to regimental timetables. We recognise that some pupils only feel comfortable going to the toilet when others are not around and will allow children to quietly go in and out of class to use the toilet without adverse comment.
- To ensure that the toilet and washroom facilities are suitable for the range of anticipated users, including pupils with accessibility needs, with adequate lighting, fixtures and fittings.
- To ensure the toilet and washroom facilities cater for the needs of all pupils from ethnic and religious communities, and ensure these needs are met in a sensitive, informed and appropriate manner.
- To ensure that the toilet facilities provide visual and aural privacy for users, ensuring a spare supply of cubicle door locks.
- To ensure that all toilet areas have properly maintained supplies at all times of warm and cold water, soap, hand drying facilities and toilet tissue in dispensers, provided at a convenient height.
- To ensure sanitary disposal units are available in female cubicles, serviced on a regular basis.
- To implement and maintain an effective toilet cleaning, supervision and inspection regime to ensure proper standards of provision and cleanliness, throughout the school day.
- To encourage pupils to respect the toilets and each other (via the School Council, in PSE lessons).
- To implement and maintain annual reviews of the policy to monitor that it is being adhered to and remains relevant.

Arrangements for policy monitoring and evaluation

Annually, in consultation with pupils, staff, parents and Governors

This policy is available on the school website, and in translation, on request.