

10 October 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

RE: TOILET USE DURING LESSON TIME

After recently receiving feedback from our students along with our parents/carers, please can we ask you to remind your child that at Fairfax we ask students to use the toilets during breaktime and lunch time and not during lessons. There are staff on duty at these times in the corridors to monitor the students and the use of the toilets.

As an inclusive school we are aware that there a small number of students who have a medical need that requires them to be able to use the toilet as they need to. These students will be re-issued a new style toilet pass in the forthcoming week to allow them to use the facilities when needed. If you believe we don't have this information on file already, please contact the school to provide the medical evidence by Friday, 21 October 2022.

As there has been an increase in requests for toilet passes recently, this is a polite reminder that toilet passes will only be issued to students who have a doctor's note, a hospital letter to show this need or we know that they have a pre-known medical condition. We will of course be sensitive to the needs of our students who are menstruating. Please also be reminded that there are sanitary products within student support for students who require them during the school day. These are free to our students.

We also understand that for some of our younger students, the transition to secondary school can be a stressful one, and they may feel more comfortable using the toilets during lessons when it is not as busy. We will also continue to monitor this and be sensitive to these needs too and allow more time for them to settle into our routines. With this in mind, some toilets, until after half term will continue to be available for use during periods 2 and 4, before break and lunchtime to allow use.

Please be advised that after half-term students without a toilet pass will not be permitted to leave lessons for a toilet break. Should you have any queries regarding this, please contact your child's Head of Year, Assistant Head of Year, or SENDCO.

We want to minimise the number of students out of lessons and allow students with medical needs to access the facilities when needed during these times.

During periods 1, 3 and 5 where toilets will be closed in the next two weeks, we will be carrying out some maintenance work to the toilets.

Thank you for your continued support

Yours sincerely

MR S CASTLE
Principal