



RC/JAE

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Dear Parent/Carer

Information regarding Pupil Toilet Facilities

To counter some of the ill informed comments and factual inaccuracies regarding the pupil toilet facilities, I have detailed below the arrangements for pupils.

Basic Information – Pupil Toilets

- Science corridor facilities – single gender spaces.
- Technology block facilities – single gender spaces.
- North Toilets – mixed gender spaces.
- Accessible facilities for pupils with additional need – supported mixed gender spaces (single pupils).

You will recall that some time ago, I reported to parents that we have installed CCTV in the toilet facilities in response to a concerning level of vandalism and antisocial behaviour.

This has had a positive impact on pupil behaviour in the majority of cases. A number of pupils received and, if necessary, will continue to receive sanctions for poor conduct.

- The North Toilets refurbishment was completed in April 2024. Prior to this, there had been little investment in these facilities. Beyond basic decoration, there had been no significant investment since the school was opened in 1938.

With a Hampshire County Council investment of over £130,000, the refurbishment has provided a much more respectful facility for pupils.

These facilities are open to all pupils at breaktimes with staff supervision. The facility has 12 individual cubicles with floor to ceiling walls and doors for absolute privacy and individual extraction. There are 3 separated handwashing and drying facilities with separate mirrors. 50% of the cubicles have signs indicating that they have bins for sanitary products. There is one doorway into the facilities which is monitored by staff.

- The Technology Toilets (single gender) are prioritised for Year 7 pupils – these are near the Year 7 Year Office.
- The Science Toilets (single gender) are open at breaktimes (with supervision) and lesson times.
- The North Toilets are open at both breaks for all pupils (supervised by staff).
- The Accessible facilities are used with staff support on a need basis.

On occasions, any of the facilities may be closed for additional cleaning and/or maintenance.

A small number of parents have asked about access to emergency sanitary products to support girls in school. This arrangement remains unchanged. The medical room and Year Offices will continue to provide any pupil with sanitary products in a discrete and sensitive manner.



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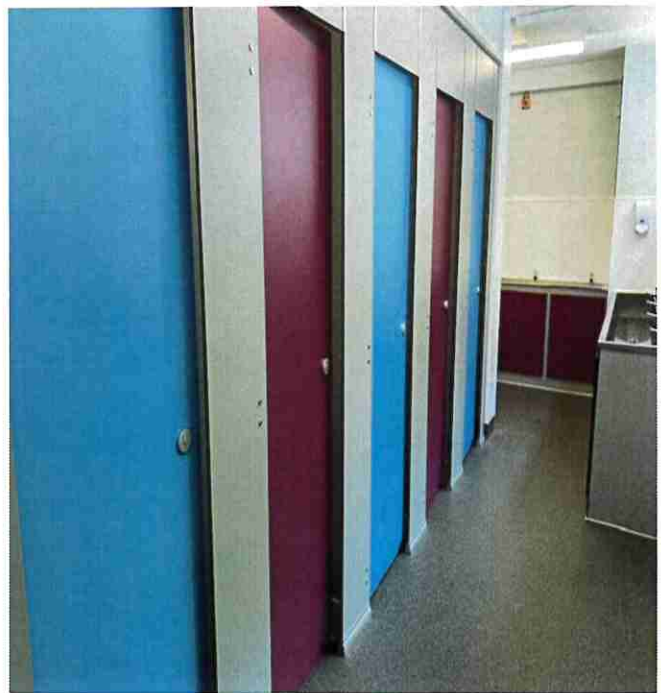
I hope that this has clarified the points raised regarding the facilities. Pupils have a choice of facility. Most have commented on the quality of the new facilities and are appreciative of the investment in their school.

Parents are welcome to visit the new facilities when they are next in school.

Thank you for your sustained support.

Yours sincerely

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