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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to clarify our procedures for children accessing the toilet during the school day, following some recent queries.
We aim to ensure that all children feel comfortable, supported and able to access the toilet when they need to, while also protecting valuable teaching and learning time.

As a general guide, children have opportunities to use the toilet at the following times:

- Tutor time at the start of the day
- Playtime after Lesson 2
- Lunchtime after Lesson 4
- Tutor time after Lesson 5
- Just before home time

Of course, staff will always use their professional judgement and discretion where a child needs to go at another time. If a child is visibly uncomfortable or needs additional support, we will always respond appropriately. This includes supporting girls who are menstruating and may need more frequent or urgent access to the toilet.

Allowing unrestricted toilet access for all children at any time can mean that important teaching and learning is missed. It can also lead to busy corridors and toilets throughout lessons, causing unnecessary disruption to the learning environment.

Our approach is therefore intended to strike a fair balance between meeting individual needs and ensuring that all children can make the most of their learning time. Please be assured that this approach aligns with standard practice across middle and secondary schools.

Some children have a toilet pass because medical information provided by their GP confirms that this is necessary to support their individual medical needs. These arrangements are in place to ensure those children receive the appropriate support.

We appreciate your support and understanding as we work together to ensure that all children are treated fairly, their individual needs are recognised and learning time is protected.

Any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kindest regards,

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