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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope this letter finds you well. I wanted to write to you all to make clear what is happening in the academy at the moment regarding toilets. During the last half term the toilets at the academy were in need of refurbishment. Damage to toilets caused by students meant that there was quite a lot of work to be done. The damage has included interference with the academy's sprinkler systems hence why the systems had to be out of bounds. Due to this, the work has not been able to be completed and toilet access on the first and second floors were out of order. I made it clear to students yesterday that we cannot tolerate the level of damage we are seeing to toilets at this moment in time. But it was also made clear that my intention was to return the toilets to normal as soon as possible.

I am happy to report that it is likely the remedial works that required the toilets to be closed should be completed today. There will still be some cosmetic work required in some areas which we will complete as the weeks move on. But to assure you there was no disruption to normal toilet access at break or lunch yesterday.

The only change to toilet use in the academy recently is that we have moved the toilets from being male/female in every toilet section to having one side of the academy dedicated to female students and one side dedicated to male students. We have done this following feedback from students who felt that toilets could be quite intimidating for younger students, having larger areas is designed to give students more space. It also means that we can monitor toilet queues with much more ease at break and lunch as we only have one queue for each side.

Every female toilet has a sanitary bin in them and can only be accessed by female students. Students have access to over 50 toilet cubicles in the academy during the day which is well above the amount of toilets required by Health and Safety regulations. However, it does have to be said that toilet access can be restricted in the future if we see a return of the kind of damage that has happened in the past. It would be really helpful if you could remind your children, as I did yesterday, that a school is a community and we all have a responsibility to use the facilities sensibly.

I am more than happy to discuss any of the issues raised in this letter if you wish.

Yours sincerely

Richard McGuire
Principal