



Toilet Policy

This document is freely available to the entire school community. It has been approved by the school governors and learners, and will be made available on the school website and a summary will be included in the school prospectus.

Aims

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

Rationale:

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

Objectives:

- To ensure that this policy is both accepted and upheld by the whole-school community – school management, staff, learners, governors, parents/carers, site manager, cleaning and ancillary staff.
- To keep all toilets open and available to learners throughout the school day. Whilst learners are encouraged to use toilet facilities at break and lunchtimes if they need to, we ensure learners have access at all times. We recognise that toilet needs are highly individual and do not conform to regimental timetables.

Good hygiene – It's in your hands

(Good practice guidance for schools in Wales January 2012)

- To ensure that the toilet and washroom facilities are suitable for the range of anticipated users, including learners with disabilities and special needs, with adequate lighting, fixtures and fittings.
- To ensure the toilet and washroom facilities cater for the needs of all learners 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.
- To ensure that all toilet areas have properly maintained supplies at all times of warm and cold water, liquid/ foam soap, hand drying facilities and toilet tissue in dispensers, provided at a convenient height.

- To ensure sanitary disposal units in all female cubicles (for girls aged eight and over) are 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 locate drinking water supplies and outlets in safe and appropriate locations, and not in toilet areas.
- To supervise the toilets at break and lunchtimes.
- To actively seek the views of the whole-school community in relation to any concerns about toilet provision and access issues (ensuring a child-friendly procedure for learners to report deficiencies or problems) and to respond seriously to these and deal promptly with any problems highlighted by the learners.
- To actively consult and involve the learners in managing the toilets (via the school Health and Well-being Committee).
- To encourage learners to respect the toilets and each other via the work of the school Health and Well-being Committee, in PSE lessons, in form-teacher discussion times.
- To implement and maintain annual reviews of the policy to monitor that it is being adhered to and remains relevant.

The school actively supports the provision of open access to well-maintained, clean, private and safe toilet facilities throughout the school day.

Date of policy implementation:

Date of next review:

Signed:(Chair of Governors)

Date: