

3 February 2023

Dear parents/carers

**Re: Toilet area improvements**

I am writing to let you know that we have started a project to update and improve our toilet facilities. The aim of the project is to:

- Support students to feel safe when entering toilet areas – the design we are using is sometimes called anti-bullying toilets and are a feature of new school buildings.
- Ensure staff can easily monitor toilet provision, without infringing on privacy. This is in line with Department for Education guidance (2015) Advice on Standards for School Premises, which states, *'Toilet blocks have to be easy to access for students and allow for passive supervision by staff, without infringing on privacy'*.
- Improve lighting and ventilation.
- Improve cleanliness and hygiene through easier access by our daytime cleaner.
- Decrease truancy by a small number of students.
- Reduce vandalism.

In the new design external doors to the toilet areas will be removed – this will mean the toilet areas will be open to corridors. Urinals will be removed from boys' toilets and all toilet cubicles will be full height for added privacy. We will continue to monitor toilet areas using CCTV – as we do now as part of our safeguarding provision.

Toilet areas will continue to be gender specific – there will be girls' toilets and boys' toilets. The new toilet areas **will not** be unisex. Our current gender-neutral toilet provision will not be impacted by the changes.

The first of the new toilet areas will open on Monday 6 February 2023. These will be the girls' toilets on the English corridor. Work will continue on three other toilet areas with the aim of four upgrades being completed by Easter. Please see pictures below for your information.

I will keep you updated on progress through TDA Update.

Kind regards



Mr Ged Rae  
Principal



Door will be removed