

## FAQs Toilet Access During Lesson Time

### 1. When will the new toilet arrangements start?

The new toilet access arrangements will begin on Monday 22nd June 2026.

### 2. When can scholars use the main toilet blocks?

The main toilets will be open at the following times:

- Before school: 8:15am – 9:00am
- Break time: 11:00am – 11:20am
- Lunchtime: 12:20pm – 12:55pm
- After school: 3:15pm onwards

These times ensure all scholars have regular and predictable opportunities to use the facilities.

### 3. Can scholars use all of the toilets during lessons?

No, all toilets will not be accessible during lesson time. Scholars will have access to designated supervised toilets.

### 4. What happens if my child needs the toilet during a lesson?

We understand that sometimes this cannot be avoided. If a scholar needs to use the toilet during a lesson, they can access the designated toilets opposite Scholar Services (A10). Staff will use their professional judgement to ensure that scholars have appropriate and reasonable access when genuinely needed.

### 5. Do scholars need permission to use the toilet during lessons?

Yes. This helps us ensure all scholars remain safe and accounted for. Scholars must:

- Obtain a yellow permission slip from their teacher
- This yellow slip acts as their toilet pass
- Show it to the staff member on duty before entering the facilities

### 6. What is the permission slip?

The permission slip is the yellow slip issued by the teacher. It clearly shows that the scholar has been given permission to leave the lesson.

### 7. Are there any times when scholars may not be allowed out of lessons?

To minimise disruption to learning, teachers will generally avoid allowing scholars to leave during the first 15 minutes and the final 15 minutes of a lesson.

However, staff will always apply professional judgement, and exceptions will be made where necessary.

### 8. Why is the school introducing this change?

This approach has been introduced to:

- Maintain clean, safe, and well-looked-after facilities

- Maximise learning time and reduce disruption
- Strengthen safeguarding and supervision
- Reduce time spent in unsupervised areas

### **9. How will this improve cleanliness?**

By closing the main toilets during lesson time, site staff can:

- Clean and monitor facilities more effectively
- Keep toilets in a consistently hygienic condition throughout the day

### **10. How does this support safeguarding?**

The system allows us to:

- Ensure scholars are safe and supervised at all times
- Monitor movement around the site
- Keep accurate oversight of who is out of lessons

### **11. Will this affect my child's comfort or wellbeing?**

No. We want to reassure parents and carers that no child will be prevented from accessing the toilet when there is a genuine need.

Staff are trusted to use professional judgement to ensure each scholar is supported appropriately, while also maintaining a calm and purposeful learning environment.

### **12. Who can I contact if I have questions?**

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the academy:  
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