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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: General School Updates – Routines

I am writing to you again to give you an update surrounding our focus on routines and expectations within school. As you were made aware, we have been focusing upon 'corridor routines'. The purpose of this is to ensure our students manoeuvre through the corridors in a calm and sensible manner, a manner that aligns with our Oldbury Wells Way of being respectful to each other and respectful of our community. This has been working well and there has been a visible improvement that can be seen throughout the corridors.

When we return after the Easter break, our focus will be on 'toilet routines'. We want every young person at Oldbury Wells School to be aiming high and achieving their full potential and, as such, an area that we would like to improve is punctuality to lessons. Your child may have informed you that over the past week, we have had builders in school putting the toilet doors back on (these doors had been removed during Covid). After the Easter break, the toilets will be locked during lesson transitions. This means students will have to ensure that they organise themselves and that they have used the facilities at the designated times – before school, break time (20 minutes), lunch time (45 minutes) and after school. Our hope in doing this is to bring about a prompt start to all lessons so that every student's learning is protected.

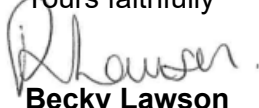
Please be assured that if there is an unexpected incident and a student does need to access the toilet during a lesson, then a toilet will be available. Also, if your child has been given a toilet pass because of medical reasons, they will still be able to use this as normal as a toilet will be provided for this type of occasion on both sides of the school site.

Again, with the importance of improving punctuality to lessons, we are also going to be getting students into the routine of filling up water bottles during their social times. As the weather is warming up and students are exercising on the field, we have noticed that at the end of breaks, students are then choosing that as the opportunity to fill up their water bottles. As you can imagine, this has a significant impact on the start of the next lesson. We will therefore be asking students to ensure that bottles are filled up during the 20-minute or 45-minute social time, and not when the bell has gone for the start of the next lesson.

Please could we encourage you as parents/carers to reiterate that message at home and to provide your child with a refillable bottle of an adequate size.

Our objective in all of this is to ensure that every student's learning is of the highest quality, that there is a prompt and organised start to every lesson and that every young person can aspire, enjoy and achieve during their time at Oldbury Wells. We also hope that through this focus, our young people will develop skills around organisation and being prepared which will prove invaluable in later life.

Yours faithfully



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