

Our ref: LTM/kmd/t&wupdate

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Dear Parent Carer

Re: Follow up letter from April Update – OWS Routines

Having received initial feedback from the update letter dated [07 April 2025](#), I wanted to follow up on some of the points being raised around the proposed new routines focus, including toilet provision and access to water stations. Our priority as always is to ensure that all students are well supported throughout the day, their needs are met and at the same time everyone is supported within their education by minimising interruptions and any potential lateness to lessons.

The school day is structured to provide regular breaks and ensure that identified facilities are available for all students. Our monitoring has shown that despite this being the case, students are not using break times effectively to access toilets or refill their water bottles. Instead, they arrive significantly late as they have only looked to access these facilities after the bell; or upon arrival they instantly ask for permission to leave to access these facilities. As I am sure you will appreciate, should most of our student population choose to take this approach then the impact on all students learning would be significant.

Our proposed model will ensure that all facilities are prepared and ready to use by the large volume of users at identified times, ensuring effective supervision and management of resources throughout, while at the same time supporting students within their daily routine to manage the school day effectively; please see some further details below to support our proposed actions:

Toilet Block Management

- Our main larger toilet blocks will be available prior to the start of the school day, at all social times and again at the end of the school day. Students are encouraged to use the facilities at these times, at which point they will be well supervised and resourced effectively.
- There will be identified managed toilets accessible for those students with a toilet pass due to any medical condition throughout the school day, arrangements for these students will be outlined when they are issued with the required pass.
- These managed toilets will be accessible if there is an urgent need during lesson times, although as outlined, our aim is to ensure that our students daily routine is to use the main blocks over break and lunch.

Encouraging students to use facilities at identified times is something which is part of their everyday lives, for example prior to a long journey or prior to watching a lengthy film at the cinema.

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Access to Water

- We have water stations on both sides of the school site. Students have access to fill water bottles prior to school, at break and lunch times and again at the end of school.
- We ensure that all students have a water bottle at the start of their year 7 journey and if needed, we also have refillable drinks bottles available to purchase in the canteen at a cost of £1.20. The canteen also has regular promotions and free water bottles can be handed out. We are aware that most students already arrive with a water bottle in their school bag.

In both cases, our aim is to support a productive school day for all students. Please be assured that we will be carefully monitoring arrangements in school and working with all students to ensure they can successfully navigate the school day.

Yours faithfully



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