



Saint Joseph's

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Thursday 8th February 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: School Toilets

We are writing to inform you of some important changes to our toilet facility arrangements. Following the recent pupil and parent surveys and close monitoring from our own systems in school and meeting with our Head Students, it has become clear that the toilets are an area where pupils and staff want change. As a result, we are introducing the following measures to deter certain anti-social behaviours such as vaping and congregating in toilet areas, the use of mobile phones and ensuring that younger pupils do not feel intimidated by the older pupils.

The measures we are taking are as follows:

- Separate toilets for Key Stage 3 (Yr7–8 pupils) and Key Stage 4 pupils (Yr9–11 pupils).
- Removal of toilet doors leading to corridors

Separate toilets for Key Stage 3 & Key Stage 4 Pupils

We introduced this last week. Key Stage 3 pupils now have exclusive access to the toilets in the Isidor building whilst Key Stage 4 pupils have exclusive access to the toilets by the PE Department in the main building. This decision has been made to ensure that younger pupils do not feel intimidated.

Removal of toilet doors leading to corridors

It is common practice for new build schools and indeed many schools not to have doors from corridors leading to the sink areas in toilets. This is also common practice in many schools to deter anti-social behaviour. The main cubical doors will remain intact, and the move will allow staff to look and check quickly if pupils are congregating by the sink areas. Any teacher can stand in the corridor and monitor the toilets without entering or eroding privacy or dignity. We will also be removing the mirrors in the toilets and be relocating them to communal areas in school. These refurbishments will take place during half term break.

We thank you for your feedback on the recent survey and your continuous support with continuing to make our school a happy and safe place for all the pupils in our care.

Yours sincerely,

Mr McParland
Interim Headteacher