



BEVERLEY HIGH SCHOOL



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Dear Parent / Carer,

I hope this letter finds you well and that you and your family has had an enjoyable half term.

Beverley High School trusts its students to look after the fabric of the school. Students are privileged to have open access to all facilities at breaktimes and lunchtimes and the vast majority of students respect our school buildings.

Unfortunately, over that last few months, damage has been caused to some of our toilet blocks, including to locks, doors, sinks and toilets themselves. Sadly, this is not accidental or isolated. A number of cubicles have been put out of order because we have to wait for replacement parts to be delivered. The costs are becoming unsustainable, this is money which cannot then be spent on purposeful educational resources. We know that some schools lock toilet blocks, we do not want to pursue this kind of course of action. We have increased staff presence outside toilet blocks at lunchtimes and breaktimes to ensure that everyone is able to access the facilities during these times.

Since our return to school post-pandemic we have had a more relaxed attitude to students using toilets during lesson times, however some students are now taking advantage. As such from Monday 26th February 2024, teachers will be stricter about not letting students out of lessons to visit the bathroom. They will of course allow students out with a medical pass and use their professional judgement in emergency situations. Please contact the school office on the email above if your child requires a medical pass and you have medical evidence to support the use of such a pass, they will send you a form to complete and return.

If students are congregating in cubicles together during lunch and/or break times, from Monday 26th February 2024, this will result in a loss of social time.

I am disappointed that I have had to write to you about this matter. As a school we want to trust all our students and respect that they will make the right decisions; however, at the same time, we want to ensure that the toilets are a pleasant environment for all students and currently the misuse and damage is affecting the quality of these facilities. Therefore, we have to act in order to improve the quality of the toilets for all.

I appreciate your support.

Yours sincerely

Ms S. Japp
Headteacher

