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Dear Parents /Carers,

### Y6 Boys Toilets

Unfortunately, over the past few months we have been aware that the Y6 boys' toilets in the main building are being damaged and are not being left in a safe and clean state for all Y6 boys to use. In recent weeks, this is taking place on a more regular basis, sometimes multiple times per day, involving toilets being blocked with various items including paper, towels and food, urine and faeces being deliberately put over the floor and damage to the fixtures and fittings.

Any damage needs to be repaired and any mess made in the toilets needs to be thoroughly cleaned so that they can be safely and cleanly used by all Y6 boys. Most worryingly, it appears that some of the Y6 boys have tried to climb under and over the toilets and have locked them from the inside; leaving foot marks all of the fixtures, fittings and walls. Clearly, this is a significant safety risk and cannot continue.

We know that the vast majority of our Y6 boys are respectful and look after the school environment. It is very important that all our children are able to learn in a tidy, clean, and welcoming environment and that includes the toilets. We have members of staff in place, monitoring the toilets at points during the day and children are not permitted to use the Y6 toilets during break and lunchtimes. However, the damage is occurring during lesson times when we have allowed children to use the toilets unsupervised. The cost of having a member of staff monitoring the toilets throughout the day is prohibitive. More importantly, it should not be necessary.

We would ask you to talk to your child about this and to encourage them to treat school property with respect and clean up after themselves. When children transition to secondary school, it is common practise at secondary school to only allow toileting before and after the school day and during break and lunch times, and it would be useful to remind your child of this.

If the damage continues in the new year, we will only allow the children to use the Y6 boys toilets in the main building before and after school and before and after breaktimes/lunch. Children will not be able to go to the Y6 boys toilets in the main building during lesson times. We do have a certain number of children who have to have access to toilets throughout the day due to specific reasons and of course this would continue.

I am sure you will agree that if needed, this is a necessary course of action to ensure that the toilets are clean and safe for all boys to use. If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With warmth

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