

ST JAMES' RC PRIMARY SCHOOL TOILET ACCESS POLICY

This policy has the school values at its heart:

**Faith in action,
Working together,
Walking in the footsteps of Christ**

Our Vision is:

Share our love of God every day in all that we learn, do and say.

Aims

To maximise access to pupils' toilet facilities during the day to promote the health, wellbeing and learning opportunities of all pupils.

To provide good quality toilet facilities throughout the school.

Rationale

The school recognises that well-maintained toilet facilities where pupils feel comfortable and safe and have open access to throughout the school day, are essential for health, wellbeing, and learning. We value and respect our pupils and want them to be able to benefit from good provision and practice.

Objectives

To ensure that this policy is both accepted and upheld by the whole school community - school management, staff, pupils, governors, parents, site manager and cleaning staff.

To keep all toilets open and available to pupils throughout the school day. While pupils can use toilet facilities at break and lunchtimes if they need to, we ensure pupils have access at all times. We recognise that toilet needs are highly individual and do not conform to regimental timetables. We recognise that some pupils only feel comfortable going to the toilet when others are not around and we will allow children to use the toilet without adverse comment.

To ensure that the toilet facilities are suitable for the range of anticipated users, including pupils with disabilities and special needs, with adequate lighting, fixtures and fittings.

To ensure that adult support is available in order to support those with individual needs.

To ensure that the toilet facilities provide privacy for users.

To ensure that all toilet areas have properly maintained supplies at all times of warm and cold water, soap, hand drying facilities and toilet tissue.

To ensure sanitary disposal units in KS2 female cubicles are serviced on a regular basis.

To implement and maintain an effective toilet cleaning, supervision and inspection regime to ensure proper standards of provision and cleanliness, throughout the school day.

To supervise the toilets at break and lunchtimes.

To actively seek the views of the whole school community in relation to any concerns about toilet provision and access issues and to respond to these and deal promptly with any problems highlighted by the pupils.

To actively consult and involve the pupils in managing the toilets via the School Council.

To encourage pupils to respect the toilets and each other.

Children who require additional support with toileting needs will be supported in line with the Intimate care policy or Individual Health Care plan as necessary. We will work in partnership with parents to ensure needs are met and dignity is maintained.

Notes

The school actively supports the provision of open access to well-maintained, clean, private and safe toilet facilities throughout the school day.

This Policy was written with support of eric, The children’s Bowel and Bladder Charity.



Monitoring and Evaluation

This policy will be updated in line with any new developments in the school and/or any new government guidance.

It was last reviewed in: summer 2024

It will next be reviewed in: summer 2027

This policy was approved by the Governing Body at their meeting on:-

Date: _____

Signed:

_____ (Chairperson)

_____ (Head teacher)