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Dear Parents/Carers

From Tuesday 3rd January 2023 our protocol on students leaving lessons for toilet breaks will change.

Only students with a medical condition that requires an out of lesson pass will be permitted to visit the toilets during lesson time. If your child currently has a toilet pass for which you have already provided medical evidence from a GP or similar healthcare professional, then you do not need to take any action. **However, if your child has a medical condition due to which they need more frequent visits to the toilet then you must provide written evidence from a GP or similar healthcare professional informing the school that a medically endorsed toilet pass is required. This evidence must be provided to your child's Progress Leader on or before 3rd January 2023.**

It is essential that we communicate to students that missing parts of lessons to visit the toilet has real consequences to their learning. We have examples of students visiting toilets 3-5 times a day during lessons. Taking into account the walk to and from the toilet each visit can last approximately 5 minutes. If a student, for example, does this 3 times a day that's 1 hour and 15 minutes a week of lesson time they are missing. I have no doubt that will impact negatively on their progress over time and understanding of the curriculum.

We have made it clear that they should visit toilets, should they need to, on arrival to school, at break and at lunch time.

Yours faithfully

**Mr G Harris
Principal**



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