

10 May 2023

Dear Families,

I am extremely concerned to have been sent the screenshot of the below message, posted by one of our community.



The family member has not spoken to us and has unfortunately posted something completely untrue and likely to cause alarm.

We have staffed toilets open all day everyday as you are all aware. These are obviously open at break and lunches, along with the toilets posted in the message.

We alerted students two weeks ago that DURING LESSONS the top floor toilets would be closed as they could not be supervised. Unfortunately, we have had thousands of pounds of damage done to these toilets during lesson times when they have been left open. We have also had a number of students hiding in those toilets or meeting up with other students, causing us and families a lot of safeguarding worries. The middle floor toilets remain open and supervised at all times.

There were a lot of changes in school yesterday as we began our break and lunch arrangements for exam season. This was gone through in detail with students last week but may have caused some confusion for some young people, particularly if they were absent on Friday. Even with these new arrangements, students actually have more access to toilets than they have previously. We will keep tweaking and adjusting how we do things over this busy period to ensure things work as well as possible.

It is challenging enough for us all navigating social media with your children and dealing with the issues that presents. I would prefer not to respond to parents via their social media posts but rather that they contact us in school directly.

I hope this clears up any distress or confusion if you have seen this message on Facebook and prevents any if you haven't.

As ever, any questions please get in touch, particularly if your child says something that you feel you might need to clarify.

Kind regards



Mrs England
Headteacher