



Stonesfield Primary School
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TOILET POLICY

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This policy is based on the school toilet policy produced by eric (The Children's Bowel & Bladder Charity)¹. It has been adapted to meet the needs of our setting.

In addition to this policy the school is committed to ensuring high standards of toilet and washing facilities and will follow the advice set out in the Department for Education's *Advice on standards for school premises (March 2015)*.²

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

Rationale: Why we are writing this policy?

- 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.

To meet the aims of this policy the school will:

- 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 recognize that some pupils only feel comfortable going to the toilet when others are not around and will allow children to quietly sign in and out of class to use the toilet without adverse comment. If a child has a medical need that requires special arrangements, a plan will be administered in consultation with parents. In these circumstances the school may request medical documentation.
- Encourage children to take responsibility for using the toilets at times which will not impact their learning opportunities.

- Ensure that the toilet and washroom facilities are suitable for the range of anticipated users, including pupils with disabilities and special needs, with adequate lighting, fixtures and fittings.
- Ensure the toilet and washroom facilities cater for the needs of all pupils from ethnic and religious communities, and ensure these needs are met in a sensitive, informed and appropriate manner.
- Ensure that the toilet facilities provide visual privacy for users.
- Ensure that all toilet areas have properly maintained supplies at all times of warm and cold water, soap, hand drying facilities and toilet tissue in dispensers, provided at a convenient height.
- Ensure sanitary disposal units in all female cubicles (for girls aged eight and over), serviced on a regular basis and to provide sanitary dispensers in female toilet blocks (where applicable).
- Implement and maintain an effective toilet cleaning, supervision and inspection regime to ensure proper standards of provision and cleanliness, throughout the school day.
- Locate drinking water supplies and outlets in safe and appropriate locations, and not in toilet areas.
- Supervise the toilets at break and lunchtimes, if pupils perceive the need. If pupils assume this role, they will be trained to ensure they carry out their duties correctly and do not restrict fellow pupils from using the toilets as and when they need to.
- Actively consult and involve the pupils in managing the toilets (via the School Council).
- Encourage pupils to respect the toilets and each other (via assemblies, the School Council, in PSHCE lessons).
- Regularly include toilet management issues in appropriate School Council and staff meetings.

References

1. Eric : The Children's Bowel & Bladder Charity
<https://www.eric.org.uk/pages/category/help-at-school>
2. Department for Education : Advice on standards for school premises (March 2015)
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