

10 September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Toilet Pass Trial

From 9th September a new toilet pass system will begin. Through our desire to listen to our student body, many of whom have been consulted, and to be progressive in our thinking when it comes to improving the culture around student use of toilets during lesson time, we have introduced the new system based on a trial in the summer term 2024 which proved successful.

We want to make using the toilet in lesson time as easy as possible, whilst not compromising any learning time. We want to support our students to feel safe and empowered to make the decision to go when they need to, and to take responsibility for doing this for the purpose it's intended. We further want to ensure the flow of teaching and learning is not interrupted whilst teachers fill out notes in planners to allow students to leave lessons. We feel it is important to empower students at Noadswood by giving them responsibility and the freedom to make good choices, as we know is reflective of the largest majority.

Following the trial anonymous surveys for staff and students took place so we could gain a true and accurate reflection of how successful this change in culture had been. Please see the attached feedback from staff and students. Based on the feedback slight changes were made to the system as you can see below.

Students will no longer need to ask their teacher if they want to go to the toilet in lesson time. There will, however, be rules attached to what they do need to do instead, to ensure the safety of all students and to ensure learning is not compromised.

Students with toilet passes, for medical or other reasons, will be able to use their passes in exactly the same way as they do currently.

Rule #1: Please take the toilet pass with you and exchange it with your phone (which will be supervised whilst you are gone).

Rule #2: Please sign out/in on the sheet (including the time)

Rule #3: Please sign legibly (printing your full name) as your visits will be recorded on class charts in the usual way.

Rule #4: You are not allowed to go to the toilet in the first and last 10 minutes of the lesson, or importantly when a teacher is giving instructions about tasks.

Rule #5: No pit stops please for water, or to meet friends – You will need to ensure you are back into class promptly

Rule #6: Only two passes, 1 per male/female/or gender-neutral toilets is allowed to be out of the class at any one time. 1 visit per lesson per student

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If you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact the school via sgroom@noadswood.hants.sch.uk

Yours Sincerely,

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