



TOILET POLICY

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Policy Review and Monitoring

This policy is due to be reviewed at the time stated, unless circumstances determine that this policy needs to be reviewed at an earlier time.

Signed: **Chair of Governors**
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Introduction

At Maes yr Haul Primary School, we recognise that well-maintained toilet facilities where learners feel comfortable and safe and have open access to throughout the school day, are essential for health, well-being, and learning. We value and respect our learners and want them to be able to benefit from good provision and practice.

This document is freely available to the entire school community via the school website with relevant information included within the school prospectus.

Aims

- To maximise access to learners' toilet facilities during the day to promote the health, well-being and learning opportunities of all learners.
- To provide good quality toilet facilities throughout the school.

Objectives

- To ensure that this policy is both accepted and upheld by the whole-school community – school management, staff, learners, governors, parents/carers, site manager, cleaning and ancillary staff.
- To keep all toilets open and available to learners throughout the school day. While learners can use toilet facilities at break and lunchtimes if they need to, we ensure learners have access at all times. We recognise that toilet needs are highly individual and do not conform to regimental timetables.
- To ensure that the toilet and washroom facilities are suitable for the range of anticipated users, including learners with additional needs, different genders or from different backgrounds.
- To ensure that all toilets have adequate lighting, fixtures and fittings, providing visual and aural privacy for users.

Maintenance

In order to achieve our objectives, we will:

- ensure that all toilet areas have properly maintained supplies at all times of warm and cold water, liquid soap, hand drying facilities and toilet tissue in dispensers, provided at an appropriate height.
- ensure that sanitary disposal units in all female cubicles (for girls aged nine and over) are serviced on a regular basis.
- maintain an effective toilet cleaning, supervision and inspection regime to ensure proper standards of provision and cleanliness, throughout the school day.

Safe and hygienic practices

In order to ensure the safety for all pupils, we will:

- ensure that drinking water supplies are in appropriate locations, and not in toilet areas.
- encourage users to report any damage or malfunctioning equipment promptly and seek to address any such problems as quickly as possible to maintain optimum facilities.
- encourage learners to respect the toilets and each other (for example, via the school council, through RSE provision) and to make clear expectations for behaviour of all learners in toilets and washrooms.

Review and monitoring

In order to achieve the best quality provision that we can for all users, senior leadership and the school caretaker will regularly review the quality, appropriateness and cleanliness of all toilet facilities, including consultation with pupils, staff and other users as appropriate. School leaders and governors will listen sensitively to any concerns about toilet provision and access issues and respond seriously to them.

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Appendix 1

School Toilet Charter

Access to decent toilets whenever the need arises is a fundamental human right and necessary for good health and well-being. All schools should provide:

1. Unrestricted access to a toilet, whenever or wherever the need arises.
2. Adequate numbers of facilities for both female and male users which ensure sufficient privacy.
3. Dedicated unisex toilets, or female and male toilet cubicles, properly equipped, for users with special needs.
4. Properly designed toilet and washroom facilities, suitable for the range of anticipated users, with adequate lighting, ventilation, fixtures and fittings.
5. Hot water, ideally from a mixer tap, with adequate provision for liquid soap and hand drying facilities.
6. Toilet tissue dispensers provided at a convenient height, replenished as needed throughout normal hours of usage.
7. Sanitary towel disposal units in all female cubicles (where age appropriate in both primary and secondary schools), serviced on a regular basis.
8. An effective toilet supervision regime to ensure proper standards of provision and management throughout normal hours of usage.
9. An effective toilet cleaning/inspection regime to ensure adequate standards of hygiene, behaviour and cleanliness, throughout normal hours of usage.
10. A published school toilet management policy approved by school governors and learners, and communicated to all learners, parents/guardians and staff.
11. A child friendly comments/complaints procedure, for learners, parents/guardians and staff to communicate toilet concerns or grievances to the head teacher and/or school governors.