

Parent / Carer

Currently across the school campus we are trialling – with some toilet settings only – removing the external door from some group toilets. The decision has been made to prevent pupils using the toilets as a social space, an issue we have highlighted previously. Pupil privacy is not compromised.

We have already noticed a significant difference in terms of appropriate access to the identified boys' toilets. Previous to the decision there were groups of young people consistently spending extended periods of time there both during social times and between classes.

This week we are trialling a similar approach with one set of girls toilets. Our plan is to monitor closely between now and Christmas, evaluate with both pupils and parents and make a permanent decision going forwards into Term 3.

It is probably worth noting that in all new build schools, open plan toilets with individual, often unisex, cubicles are very much the norm and whilst perhaps initially raising some concerns, seem to prove a very effective model.

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