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Dear parent/carer,

SUBJECT: Improved Pupil Facilities - New Toilet Access

We are pleased to announce that from Tuesday, 22nd April, we will be opening an additional set of male and female toilets to younger pupils during break and lunch times. This will ensure that all pupils have enough time and opportunity to use the toilet facilities. The newly refreshed toilet area is located at the bottom of the English stairwell, which leads into the DT quad, and will be for the sole use of Year 7 and Year 8 pupils at social times. All other pupils should continue to use the existing toilets near the Year Team Manager Office.

To ensure a smooth transition and efficient use of these facilities, we kindly request your support in reinforcing the following guidelines with your child:

Improved Break and Lunchtime Toilet Access

- The upper yard, adjacent to the canteen, can only be used by pupils in Year 7 and Year 8. They will be able to access their dedicated toilet area by walking sensibly through the DT quad. These areas will always be supervised by staff during both break and lunchtime.
- Pupils in Year 7 and Year 8 should not use the link corridor to access the lower part of the school during break or lunch unless they have permission to go to the Risedale Centre or the library. Once the first bell goes, all pupils should then make their way to lessons immediately.
- Pupils in Years 9 to 11 should only go to the upper yard when lining up sensibly to enter the canteen. Once they have finished their lunch, they should use the link corridor to return to the lower yard. They will not be able to use the DT quad to access the lower end of the school. However, the DT quad will still be available for all pupils as a quiet area and as an external space to enjoy lunch.
- Pupils in Years 9 to 11 should continue to use the current toilet areas near the Year Team Manager Office. These areas will always be staffed during break and lunch times.

Supporting Learning During Lesson Time

- We strongly encourage all pupils, where possible, to use the toilets during break and lunch times rather than during lesson time to maximise their learning and to minimise disturbance to other pupils.
- If a toilet visit is absolutely necessary during a lesson, pupils must obtain permission and a toilet pass from their teacher, but teachers will normally encourage pupils to wait until the end of the lesson unless they have a medical exemption (their own toilet pass).
- All pupils should use the toilets near the Year Team Manager Office during lesson time.

We believe these changes will contribute to a more positive and efficient school environment for all our pupils. Thank you for your continued support.

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