

West Monmouth School

Ysgol Gorllewin Mynwy



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Dear parent / carer,

Many of you will be aware that we have had many issues this year with our toilet facilities in school this year and that most of these have, unfortunately, been caused by vandalism. When toilets are damaged, we have to close them whilst they are repaired which is obviously very inconvenient for pupils. Vandalism also results in the toilets being an unpleasant environment pupils where soap is sometimes unavailable and hygiene is compromised. In addition we have had a few incidents where the fire alarm has been set off due to pupils vaping in toilets and, even worse, occasions where a few individuals have taken advantage of the seclusion of toilets to bully other pupils.

As a result, we have come to the worrying conclusion that we can no longer guarantee that our toilets are a safe space for pupils and, to combat this, we will be installing CCTV in all toilet areas for September. We understand that this may be concerning for pupils and parents but, please be reassured, that cameras will only cover the communal areas of toilets and will not record any footage of inside cubicles or in urinal areas. We have consulted with the Local Authority to ensure that we are compliant with all rules and regulations relating to CCTV.

We hope that you all understand that we have made this decision entirely with pupils' safety and comfort in mind. If you do have any concerns however, please don't hesitate to contact us at school.

Yours sincerely,

Miss E. Jordan

Headteacher