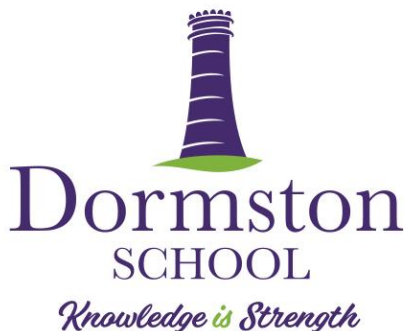


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February 2023

ALL PARENTS/CARERS

Dear Parents/Carers



I would first of all on behalf of the school like to apologise for the disruption to learning here at Dormston today. Closing the school is never an easy decision to make.

The conduct of the vast majority of our students today has been exemplary but unfortunately a minority of students encouraged by Tik Tok and other social media posts gaining traction across the country with regards to school uniform and toilets have disrupted learning and teaching. Culprits have already been identified and sanctions put in place. Out of courtesy I would like to update you on our current stance re uniform and toilets.

Uniform

Dormston students wear their uniform with pride. They are smart and well dressed and students are frequently complimented on their uniform. Prior to September 2023 I will be consulting students and parents/carers about their uniform with regards to its affordability and suitability for all students. Any changes will be as a result of full consultation and will be made in plenty of time for the next academic year.

Toilets

I have communicated with you previously in our newsletter regarding toilets and I just wanted to remind you of current arrangements.

1. Toilets are open before school, after school and during break and lunchtime.
2. Toilets in key areas of the school are open during lesson times.
3. All staff have a toilet pass that can be requested by students if required.
4. Any student with a medical or personal issue is able to use the toilet as and when required. Arrangements are made between home and school via the Pastoral/House Teams.

There have been incidences of late when toilets have been vandalised and we are in the process of discussing with our School Council ways to improve our toilet facilities here at Dormston.

It saddens me that the acts of a few today have jeopardised the learning for the majority in particular our Year 11s doing their Mock Exams. With that in mind we will be doing some restorative and pastoral work in school with regards to social responsibility and social media over the course of this week and I would ask for you as parents/carers to also discuss this at home.

Just a reminder that school is only open for Years 11 & 7 on Wednesday 1 March 2023.

Thank you for your continued support.

Your sincerely

Mrs Sutton
Headteacher

