



Information on the current toilet situation

Dear parents and guardians,

I hope that you and your children have had a good start to the new school year and that you have had a positive experience during the first days of school. We are pleased about the many positive encounters, the newly forming learning communities, and the fact that the large majority of our students contribute to a pleasant school community through reliability, consideration for others and positive cooperation. I would like to express my sincere thanks for this.

It is therefore all the more important to me to address, very openly and with due seriousness, a matter that is currently causing us great concern - the situation in our student toilets.

Unfortunately, individual toilet areas are repeatedly left in a condition that is neither hygienic nor acceptable for a school. There is significant soiling, and the rooms are being used in ways that have nothing to do with their intended purpose. We have now already had to commission an external cleaning company for the second time in order to make the affected areas usable again. These additional costs are paid from the school budget and are therefore unavailable elsewhere - ultimately to the detriment of all students.

The toilets are also sensitive and protected areas. Permanent supervision by school staff is neither feasible from an organizational point of view nor appropriate with regard to students' privacy. Between lessons, we cannot permanently station staff there; during breaks, we need our colleagues to supervise the schoolyard and other areas. Supervision inside the cubicles is of course out of the question. Misconduct therefore often cannot be directly verified or reliably attributed to individual persons.

We are already in contact with the city about this and are examining both organizational and technical solution options.

I would therefore like to ask you sincerely, but also emphatically, to discuss this issue at home with your child. The student toilets are not a place to spend time or gather. They must be left in a condition that allows the next student to use them without concern and in a hygienically acceptable state. What may seem to some like a joke or a dare has a significant impact on others and causes avoidable costs and burdens for the entire school community.

We are very dissatisfied with the current situation and are working with high priority on viable solutions. In doing so, we expressly want to keep in mind the large majority of our students who behave responsibly and who should be able to make a normal, uncomplicated visit to the toilet.

Thank you very much for your understanding and for your support in helping us ensure, together, respectful and responsible treatment of our school facilities.

Kind regards

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