

21st February 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

I write to you on two vitally important matters.

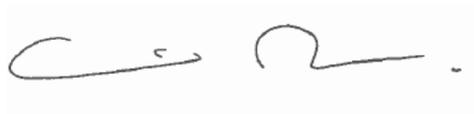
Firstly, we have been experiencing vandalism and graffiti in both the boys' and girls' toilets and washroom areas since September, and the situation has worsened markedly in the last four or so weeks. A significant amount of damage has been caused by a small number of students and the school has spent a large sum of money on repairs that we would much rather be spending on other things, such as resources, textbooks and ICT. I am not willing to tolerate this level of vandalism and graffiti by any of our students, so I need all parents and carers to be aware that, from this point forward, any student identified as causing such damage in our toilets and washroom areas can fully expect to lose their place at this school. I will not hesitate to take this extreme measure, even if the student is in a public examination year.

Secondly, it has been brought to my attention that some students are engaging in online activity that is severely detrimental to the reputation of this school and to the reputations of members of staff who work here and have worked here. This is completely unacceptable, and we have already started liaising with the Police and social media platforms to determine the identity of the authors and contributors to this content. It is extremely important that any websites, accounts and webpages that are seeking to damage the reputation of this school and/or its staff are removed immediately. As and when the identities of those students involved are brought forward, again, I will not hesitate for them to lose their places at this school. I will also press for Police investigation, wherever vile, malicious, libellous or slanderous content is used or is added to.

Thankfully, the vast majority of our students know how to behave and how to conduct themselves properly. For the small minority who are choosing a different path, I would ask for your full support in us tackling the two matters detailed above. Please do talk through the content of this letter with your son or daughter, even if you consider them to be entirely innocent, so they are in no doubt as to my intentions going forward.

With my grateful thanks.

Yours faithfully,



Chris Drew
Principal

