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## Dear Parents and Guardians

I am writing to all parents and guardians of boys in our school.

You may remember me putting in our newsletter a few weeks back that I needed your help in talking to your sons about the acceptable use of the toilet.

Thank you for doing that as it reinforces the messaging from school. However, they have failed to listen to either you or us and the state of the situation after today is pretty dire.

Today there has been damage to 3 of the 4 cubicles. Doors have been pulled off hinges and need repairing. A toilet bowl has been kicked so hard it has come away from the wall. Sinks have been pulled away from the wall.

Therefore we have one lockable cubicle and the urinal left for your children to use. A call has gone in to get the repairs done, this may take time due to contractors being out fixing things after the storm over the weekend.

If the situation is a prolonged fix we will have no alternative but to get in portaloos type solutions.

All this comes at a cost when budgets are so tight. We can't put a member of staff in there. We can't put cameras in there. We have asked for the boys to let us know if they see anything happening in there. We are not informed of anything untoward happening in there—and yet we are faced with this extensive damage today.

Can I please ask you all, once again, to talk to the boys about being able to go to the toilet in an acceptable way. I honestly can not believe we are in the situation we are, but we are here.

I shouldn't have to look at ways of solving a solution which is simply easy to solve. They boys need to use the toilet appropriately. However, I may need to look at reconfiguring the whole boys toilet block so that we are able to remove the main door while they can still keep their privacy and dignity. I think it is the fact that the main door closes and they act in a way that is totally inappropriate.

Hopefully we will see a change in their behaviour—but you need to know that there will be some slight disruption to the boys toilets in the next couple of days.

Many thanks for your help in this matter.

Mr Redgrave