

Dr Walker's C of E Primary School



An Exceptional Place to Flourish

Though your beginning was small,
your future will flourish indeed.
Job 8:7

NON-STATUTORY POLICY

Drinking Water and Toileting Policy

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Pre-amble: School Vision, Ethos and Values

Dr Walker's is a mixed Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School in Fyfield, Ongar, Essex.

We support all pupils to succeed in reaching their God given potential at Dr Walker's – 'An Exceptional Place to Flourish', by developing

- **Belief** in self and the development of confidence, respect and trust for others and an appreciation of spirituality and an understanding of faith in God;
- **Engagement** in a love for learning by nurturing curiosity and independence; and
- **Excellence** in reaching personal goals by demonstrating resilience and positive behaviour.

Our **CHRISTIAN VALUES** are reflected in:

- Standing with **COURAGE** for what is right.
- Using **CREATIVITY** in problem solving and making life beautiful.
- Treating every person and everything with **RESPECT**.
- Having **COMPASSION** for others.
- Completing every task with **PERSEVERANCE**.
- Taking **RESPONSIBILITY** for ourselves.
- Living with **HOPE** for a better future.

At Dr Walker's we provide every pupil with the care and support they need to develop as individuals and become educated and successful British Citizens who understand the importance of the following British values:

- **Democracy**
- **The rule of law**
- **Individual liberty**
- **Mutual respect and**
- **Tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.**

Acknowledgement

- This policy has been adapted and adopted from ERIC: Children's Bowel and Bladder Charity's Model Policy.
- [https:// www.eric.org.uk](https://www.eric.org.uk)

Notes

- ERIC, The Children's Bowel & Bladder Charity has been dedicated for over 30 years to improving the lives of all children and teenagers in the UK facing continence challenges.
- In the UK an estimated 900,000, or 1 in 12, 5–19-year-olds suffer from bowel and bladder conditions. These include bedwetting, daytime wetting, constipation and soiling.
- This policy was produced in discussions with staff and pupils, through staff meetings, discussions with pupils in class and assemblies and acknowledging concerns raised by individual parents/carers.
- The school actively supports the provision of open access to well-maintained, clean, private and safe toilet facilities throughout the school day.
- This policy needs to be read in conjunction with the *Intimate Care Policy*.
- Where appropriate, further advice from the School Nurse will be sought to provide appropriate advice and support.

Rationale

- To value and respect our pupils and want them to be able to benefit from good provision and practice.
- To encourage pupils to respect the toilet facilities and use thereof via the Student Council, in PSHE/RSHE lessons, in class discussion times and Collective Worship Assemblies.
- To remind pupils to keep hydrated and go to the toilet when needed in.

Aims

- To ensure that this policy is both accepted and upheld by the whole school community - school management, staff, pupils, governors, parents, site manager, cleaning and ancillary staff.
- To indicate to pupils and parents/carers that the school values and respects the welfare of its students by fulfilling their right to go to the toilet when they need to.
- To seek the views of the whole school community in relation to any concerns about toilet provision and access issues (ensuring a child friendly procedure for pupils to report deficiencies or problems) and to respond seriously to these and deal promptly with any problems highlighted by the pupils.
- To show that all school staff follow the same approach to school toilets and their access.
- To ensure pupils' needs are fully considered.
- To inform pupils of when they can use the toilet so they are not left worrying whether they'll be told off if they ask to go during a lesson.
- To maximise access to pupils' toilet facilities during the day to promote the health, wellbeing and learning opportunities of all pupils.
- To provide good quality toilet facilities throughout the school.

Objectives: Drinking water

- Drinking water supplies and outlets will be in safe and appropriate locations, and not in toilet areas.
- Pupils will be asked to bring with them to school a labeled Plastic water bottle with their name on, **filled with water**. As we are promoting healthy lifestyles, **fizzy drinks are not allowed**. Juices are also not allowed, as these are not a healthy choice – unless for medical reasons, e.g. diabetes.
- Pupils will have access to their water bottles throughout the day. These will be kept in class at the pupils' tables and placed on the floor to prevent spillage on tabletop surfaces and/or work.
- Water Bottles **MUST** be plastic

Objectives: Toileting

- **Parents/carers are expected to inform the school in writing if their child might have any underlying medical condition(s)** such as bladder infection, kidney disease, etc. This will help staff to better support their child in school.
- Toilet facilities are open and available to pupils throughout the school day.
- Pupils are strongly encouraged to use toilet facilities at break and lunchtimes if they need to, however they also have access at other times.

- We recognise that toilet needs are highly individual and do not conform to regimented timetables.
- We recognise that some pupils only feel comfortable going to the toilet when others are not around.
- To cut down on the need for pupils to leave lessons and therefore either miss out on valuable education time or cause disruption, we will provide regular and frequent enough toilet breaks e.g. morning breaks and lunch times.
- Pupils need to ask permission from staff to go to toilet, so that staff are always informed of the whereabouts of pupils. This is for safety purposes e.g. in the event of an evacuation, etc.
- We will ensure that the toilet and washroom facilities are suitable for the range of anticipated users, including pupils with disabilities and special needs.
- We will ensure that toilet areas have supplies available of warm and cold water, soap, hand drying facilities and toilet tissue in dispensers, and provided at a convenient height.
- We will ensure that toilets are regularly cleaned and sanitised by site cleaning staff. This will include implementing and maintaining an effective toilet cleaning, supervision, and inspection regime by the contracted Cleaning company to ensure proper standards of provision and cleanliness, throughout the school day.
- We will ensure sanitary disposal units in all female cubicles (for girls aged eight and over), serviced on a regular basis and to provide sanitary dispensers in female toilet blocks (where applicable).
- We will remind pupils of the appropriate use of toilet facilities. If issues do arise, these will be investigated and addressed with those responsible for improper use.
- We will actively consult and involve the pupils in managing the toilets and/or issues arising.
- We will provide appropriate indoor and outdoor social areas to discourage toilets from being used for such purposes.
- We will extend our discussions with the Student Council, staff, parents/carers and governor meetings where appropriate as part of consultation.