

Water Use Policy

This water usage policy aims to promote responsible water consumption and minimise waste. It includes guidelines for water conservation, hygiene practices, and ensuring a safe and healthy environment. This policy addresses issues like ensuring taps are turned off after use, promoting the use of half-flush toilets, and encouraging the use of refillable water bottles.

SE Water Efficiency Survey carried by Aqualogic in November 2024. Recommended remedial works undertaken in December 2024 – urinal sensor installed and leak on staff toilet repaired.

Key elements:

- **Water Conservation:**
 - Pupils and staff are encouraged to turn off taps fully after use, especially in restrooms, kitchens, and staff rooms (signage used to remind people)
 - The school promotes the use of half-flush on toilets when appropriate (also investigating the use of water hippos).
 - Water consumption is reduced during weekends and holidays e.g., using sensors on urinals so only flush when in use
- **Hygiene and Health:**
 - The importance of handwashing with soap and water is emphasised, and ensuring that taps are turned off properly after use (signage).
 - The PTA give water bottles to all Year R pupils when joining the school and all pupils are requested to bring a water bottle to school for storing drinking water. Reminders are sent to parents, and pupils are encouraged by staff to drink water during the day.
 - A reliable supply of hot water is maintained for hygiene purposes.
- **Monitoring and Maintenance:**
 - A system is in place for regularly monitoring water consumption to identifying areas of high usage and potential leaks – SBM monitors usage (bills). Automatic meter reading (AMR) device has been requested for the water meter to allow more accurate monitoring of usage. Caretakers monitor potential leaks.
 - Regular checks of plumbing fixtures and appliances are undertaken to ensure they are functioning correctly and not leaking.
 - The procedure for reporting and addressing any issues related to water supply or plumbing is via Every online system.
- **Education and Awareness:**
 - Awareness is raised among pupils and staff about the importance of water conservation and water usage through activities/events, and the Climate Action Plan actions.
 - Educational resources and materials on water conservation techniques and the impact of water usage are provided.
 - Pupils are encouraged to take responsibility for their own water consumption and to participate in water-saving initiatives.
- **Specific Considerations:**
 - Water coolers are provided and regularly serviced and maintained.