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Dear Parent / Carer

Staffordshire University Academy takes its duty of care towards its young people extremely seriously. Due to the rapid improvements in examination results being seen at the academy Staffordshire University Academy is now one of the most popular schools in the local area. Student numbers have increased every year and in September we will have one of the highest intakes of Year 7 students in the academy's history. Due to this increasing popularity and consequent rising student population we have made the decision to change break time arrangements, in order to continue to offer the highest standards of care for our young people. The academy believes these changes will ensure a continuation of our students' good behaviour and an even safer environment for all students.

To ensure all parents are fully aware of the changes please see the information below:

- As break time begins students will have five minutes to go to the toilets or go to their lockers. After five minutes a bell will ring and students are expected to go to the hall, canteen, gym or outside (student zones). This allows academy staff to fully supervise and support our increasingly large numbers of students
- Students have access to toilets throughout every break time and lunch time. For the first five minutes and last five minutes of break time and lunch time students can go to **any toilet within the academy**. For the ten or twenty minutes in between these times, students can use toilets within the canteen area. This is again to ensure students are fully supervised and are in well-staffed areas
- Students can leave the student zones five minutes before lessons begin. This gives them enough time to go to their lockers or again to use any toilet facilities within the academy

We want all of our students to continue to feel safe and happy and student feedback has been collected after the first week of these changes. Particularly pleasing has been the student feedback from Year 7 and Year 8, who have commented that behaviour at break times is even better than before. We have also consulted with Year 10 and Year 11 students and have allowed hot food from the canteen to be eaten outside.

The above changes were also shared with our sixth form students, many of whom are student ambassadors. The sixth form are exempt from the student zones as they have additional privileges and have access to their sixth form common room.

We are confident that all parents will support the academy's high behaviour expectations and the strong student support that has been put in place.

If you have any questions about the new system please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Owen at the academy.

Yours sincerely



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Vice Principal