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Dear Parent/Carer

We are writing to share some important updates regarding our approach to student transitions between lessons at The Bourne Academy.

We have taken into account the valuable feedback we received from both parents and students, and we are pleased to announce the introduction of a five-minute grace period between lesson changeovers that do not follow a social time break. This change aims to provide students with ample time to visit the toilet before their next lesson.

By implementing this grace period, we hope to reduce the necessity for toilet passes during lesson time and allow students to remain hydrated throughout the day. Students will now have the opportunity to attend to their needs without disrupting their learning and the learning of others. There will be continuing exemption for students who have a medical care plan in place.

We will be introducing a second bell that will clearly indicate to students when it is time to have arrived to their lessons. Students who arrive to lesson after this bell will receive a strike on their First Impression Card. This will help ensure that everyone is aware of the transition and is able to be ready to learn promptly.

We believe that these adjustments will foster a more supportive and considerate learning environment for all our students.

Thank you for your continued support, should you have any questions or concerns, please your child's Tutor or Head of Year.

Kind regards

The Bourne Academy