

28<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Lunchtime Years 1 - 6

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very much looking forward to welcoming our families back to school on 1<sup>st</sup> September. It will be good to get back to a new 'normal' and have children back in school, playing and learning.

The teaching staff have been working very hard to put many measures in place to ensure the safety of our children in school and we are following Government guidance rigorously.

As a result, we have had to make changes to our lunchtime routine as it is no longer possible for all children to visit the dining hall every day. We are committed to ensuring the children have a varied lunch menu and the opportunity to enjoy a nutritious hot meal and we have created a rota system where your child will continue to eat in the dining hall on allocated days throughout the week. The kitchen will serve a choice of a hot halal meat or vegetarian dish with dessert.

On days when not dining in the hall, children will eat in their classroom and lunch will be a 'grab bag' consisting of a choice of sandwich, dessert and piece of fruit. If preferred, your child can bring a healthy and nutritious packed lunch. We ask that you do not send any nuts or nut based products in your child's packed lunch. We are now a 'nut free' school as we have a child with a severe allergy.

To ensure that all classes have the opportunity to visit the dining hall over the course of the week and make use of our range of outdoor equipment, the children will be in year group 'bubbles' during lunchtime. They will be seated in their classes in the hall for lunch but will play outside as a year group. The playground will be divided into zones and year groups will rotate weekly around different areas of the playground, MUGA and field. We will have plenty of supervisory staff outside who will ensure that year groups do not mix.

I would like to take the opportunity to remind you that in Years 1 and 2, children are entitled to a Government funded Universal Free School Meal. In Years 3 – 6, lunch is priced at £2.05 per day and £10.25 per week. Please make payment via Parentpay or Paypoint and ensure your account is topped up at the start of the week with a credit of £10.25. Please telephone the office to speak to Miss Park or email [info@dixonsmb.com](mailto:info@dixonsmb.com) if you have any questions regarding Parentpay.

We will work carefully with all our children to ensure they can choose from a range of healthy dinner options and continue to enjoy their lunchtime break. We appreciate your support and, as always, if you have any questions, please call the school office.

Yours sincerely



Helen Haunch  
Principal

