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Dear Parents/Carers

We have recently been monitoring our lunchtimes across the three-year groups, always looking for ways to improve! As I am sure you can imagine, getting 270 children through the doors and fed in over an hour and a half is no mean feat.

The children have experienced this new process today and it was a great success! Each year group has 20/30 minutes to eat, for most this has always been long enough. In the old system any children who needed longer were able to stay and finish, however we have had to be a little more firm now and after 30 minutes, the children will be encouraged to finish off. The reason behind this comes down to staffing and ensuring all children are appropriately safeguarded in the hall, in the corridors and on the playground. This did not have a negative impact on anyone today, those that do often take longer to eat, is because they spend too long talking or fussing! They were told very clearly before going into lunch that they must eat first, chat later and they rose up to the challenge.

If we find that particular children are taking longer and are leaving too much dinner, they will be served first to give them longer. This should be very rare, more often than not it's because they don't like the dinner and on these occasions we try offering extra bread to fill up their tummies.

We really hope that you will support these changes, and trust we will not let any child come home starving! If you have any concerns regarding this my door, as always is open for a chat.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L A de Carteret
Headteacher