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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to update you on our lunchtime arrangements.

Our aim with reviewing lunchtimes was to find a solution to an over crowded playground, a large number of accidents requiring first aid and incidents of poor behaviour.

Over the past term, I have spent a large proportion of time observing and discussing with children and our Midday Supervisor Team, the best approach to lunchtime. This has involved ensuring a balance between time taken to eat and time available to play. Observations showed that some of our younger children can take up to 30 minutes to eat their lunch. In light of this we have decided to revert to an hour lunchtime for Reception and Key Stage 1. This has enabled the slowest eaters across school to have at the very least a 30 minute playtime.

Even though we have used the field for the majority of lunchtimes over the past term, there have been opportunities to have some lunchtimes on the playground. Observations on varying days at varying times show an increase in the adult: child ratio and more room for the children to play. By staggering lunchtimes, there is now only three classes on the playground/field at any one time. This is in contrast to seven classes prior to September 2014. The impact of this change means that Midday Supervisors can identify and therefore intervene in issues earlier, and there are less accidents due to there being less children within the space available.

To continue this positive way forward, Mrs A. Smith, who joins us in September, will support identified children at lunchtimes to develop an enjoyable time for all.

After many trials, tweaks and revisions, I would like to share the arrangements for each class moving forward to the new academic year.

Reception, Year 1 and 2	11:45-12:45
Year 3 and 4	12:30-1:15
Year 5 and 6	12:45-1:30

Thank you for your patience during the trial and we look forward to happy lunchtimes for all.

Yours sincerely,

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