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Dear Parents and Carers,

We continually aim to improve our school and make it the best it can be for all our children. As we aim to do this we have been considering how we can make our dinner times even better. The children have shared their thoughts around likes and dislikes at dinner time which have informed the new plans.

One of the main changes is that we shall now have 'sittings' and the children will remain in the hall at their table for the duration of their sitting. This has stemmed from how much of their dinner or packed lunch our children are throwing away in a bid to get outside as soon as possible. Aspens, our catering company, have to measure this waste and record it. It is shocking that on average 28 cubic litres a day is thrown away. We hope parents and carers support us in this matter and agree that it needs addressing. Our children need to eat so they are energised and ready for the afternoon's learning.

From now on, packed lunches will bring all their leftover food and associated rubbish home with them so parents and carers can see exactly what has been eaten.

The timings of dinner time have been slightly amended to ensure there are sufficient staff where they are needed. EYFS and KS1 dinner time will start at 11:45 am. This means that the Nursery morning session will finish at 11:45 am when those children having attended this session only, will need collecting. Those children can now be collected from Wren door. If a parent or carer is running late and it is after 11:45 am, they should go to the main office to collect instead.

Hopefully the children will speak positively about dinner times as we aim to make them a safe, happy and calm time for all.

Kind regards,

Mrs V. Farr

Head Teacher

