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Dear parents/ carers,

Over the last half term we have been reviewing our expectations of behaviour at lunchtime. This has involved observations by the senior management team and the behaviour support team from the local authority. We have also had training for lunchtime supervisors, discussions with staff and lunchtime supervisors and work by the school council finding out what the children feel about lunchtimes and what changes they would like to see.

As a consequence, we have introduced new procedures for coming into the hall for lunch and reviewed the layout of the tables in the hall. All of this is having a positive impact on the atmosphere in the hall.

Following this, we have concentrated on the behaviour on the playground and as from Monday 14th January we will be introducing new rules and expectations during lunchtimes.

There will now be three rules the children need to follow;

Ready, respectful, safe.

During assembly today the children were helped to understand what these rules mean and how they can ensure they abide by them.

If the children stick to the rules it will result in a happy and successful lunchtime. If the children go 'above and beyond' in their actions at lunchtime i.e. letting a child play who is feeling a bit lonely without being asked to, helping an adult without being asked to etc. they will receive a right choice card from a lunchtime supervisor. This will be celebrated in the classroom and will be sent home for you to share the celebration.

If, however, they make the wrong choices and do not follow the rules there will be the following consequences;

1. They will be given a reminder about the correct choices they should be making and about the rules
2. If they continue with the wrong choices, they will be asked to have 2-3 minutes time out
3. If they continue to choose to ignore the rules they will be removed from the playground, go to the thinking room where they will be supported by a member of staff to reflect on their behaviour, they will not be allowed out in the playground for the remainder of the playtime.

If a child is removed from the playground 3 times or more in a half term we will contact the parents to discuss this.

I am sure that you will support us in making sure that we have the highest standards of behaviour possible during lunchtimes.

Please do not hesitate to contact a member of staff if you have any further questions.

Kind regards,

Rhonda Blakemore, Headteacher.

