



Dear Parents and Carers,

Hopefully your children have mentioned some of the tweaks we are making to lunchtime provision at the moment. As I have said before, I am a real advocate of the School Meals Service and the importance of a fun and healthy lunchtime – I also see my school lunch with the children as one of the highlights of my day! The Midday Supervision team, the kitchen, teaching staff and I are looking at ways to make the whole lunchtime experience better.

The main aims of this are:

- To encourage great table manners
- Try new things
- Increase school meal numbers
- Decrease food waste
- Create a calm and pleasant meal time environment

The children are therefore being asked to:

- Use their cutlery correctly
- Finish the first course of their meal before eating the second
- Remove outside clothing such as hats and coats at the table
- Be courteous and refer to the mid-day staff by name
- Only speak to those on their own tables
- Wait until the others they are eating with have finished eating
- Scrape away their own waste
- Wipe and return their own trays

This is working really well and the children are meeting their new responsibilities sensibly and helpfully, eating more and enjoying the company of their friends and the increasing number of staff who are joining them for lunch. There are of course challenges, such as the number of children eating and the size of the dining hall and we have had a few inevitable delays due to trying new things, but these are getting less.

I would like to thank you for your patience and I look forward to inviting you in at some point to join the children for lunch.

C Belton

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Head teacher