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Dear Parents,

Arrival at School & New Lunchtime Arrangements

I am writing to inform you of some positive changes we are making to our school day. These decisions have been reached following consultations with the pupils and staff. We would also welcome your ideas.

Before School

- From Monday, 26th January, we will no longer be asking the children to line up on the playground before school.
- The gate will be opened, as usual, at 8:50am.
- **Hedgehog Class:**
Parents of children in Miss Smith's Class (Hedgehogs) can accompany their children into Class 1. This is the same arrangement as previously.
- **All other Classes:**
Children in all other classes should be accompanied onto the main playground by their parent/carer and then, after saying goodbye, walk straight to class where they will be greeted by their class teacher.
- I will remain on the playground until 9am, when the side gate will be locked.

We feel that these arrangements will encourage a calm and settled start to each day, ensuring lessons start promptly at 9am. It is hoped that parents also find the changes supportive, as they will no longer be required to remain on the playground until 9am.

If you need to pass a message to your child's teacher before school, please speak to me directly or send a message via Mrs Gouldstone in the Office.

Playtimes and Lunchtimes

Last week, we asked the children to complete pupil questionnaires in school. The questions invited pupils in every class to share their opinions on a variety of topics, including: teaching and learning, emotional well-being, behaviour and safety.

We explored some of the children's responses in Collective Worship today and thought about how we could put their ideas in practice. The main arrangements have been summarized below:

- The timings for lunch will remain the same and **children will be allowed to sit with their friends.**
- **KS2 Play Leaders have been appointed** and with support from two members of staff, will run a rota of different activities on the front playground to encourage cooperative and active play.
- A third of the back playground will be dedicated to a **physical activity** that will change daily. New equipment to support this will be ordered this week.
- Camps Island and The Craft Barn will remain as **quiet areas.**
- **The Library will be open from 12.40pm – 1pm daily** for children that wish to have quiet, reading time inside. This will be supervised by myself.
- **Children that play roughly or are unkind to others, will have "time out".**
- The **School Council have purchased a Friendship Stop.** This will indicate to staff on duty and other children when individual pupils may require help initiating games.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss A. O'Connor

Headteacher

