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Dear Parents,

Due to a number of recent incidents regarding the behaviour and conduct towards each other in your child's class, we have reviewed the arrangements for the children at lunchtimes.

Over the course of the last couple of weeks, we have increased the number of staff on duty but upon reflection today and having spoken with the children, we believe and the children agree that further changes would benefit their lunchtime experience.

The children believe that one of the fairest solutions is for each child to have an allocated playground. All children have chosen a classmate, who they would like to be on the playground with them, to ensure the children's lunch experience is as positive as possible.

As the incidents have often stemmed from the games the children are playing, the staff have timetabled daily sessions to teach the children games to play on their allocated playground and how to resolve issues that children typically encounter.

All children have been informed that Mrs Robinson, who will be located by first aid, is there to support and help them if issues arise which they feel they need support with, alongside the staff out on duty. I have reiterated with the children the importance of them having high expectations of themselves and each other. Alongside this we have discussed that they have the right to feel safe and secure in school but they also have the responsibility to behave in a way that enables all children to feel the same.

The children are clear that there will be consequences, in line with the behaviour policy, for not following the allocated playground structure or if they behave inappropriately towards each other. We recognise that the vast majority of pupils meet the expectations of our behaviour policy at all times but upon discussion with the children we have sought to address the arrangements in the most positive way possible. With the support and plan in place we are looking forward to lunchtime being a positive experience for all.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Kerry Mills

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