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Dear Parents/Carers

Village Primary School has made some changes to our lunchtimes and I wanted to share them with parents/carers.

Mid-day supervisors now have different activities to look after to enable the children to play productively and safely. The children have asked for equipment to be outside at dinner times so they can stay active. The various activities are in different places in the playground so that the children have enough space to use the equipment safely. This plan is on our website, in the parent board (on the wall outside near the entrance) and displayed in various places around the school. Other mid-day supervisors patrol the playgrounds; making sure that the children are happy and safe; sorting out problems as they occur. Ball games are allowed only in the MUGA with a mid-day supervisor supervising the children. We have 2 play leaders who have equipment in the second MUGA and they supervise the children that want to play with this. Also at dinner times, we have a group of mini-leaders (Year 6 children) who have been trained by a member of staff and they play different games with the younger children if they wish to. Music is played for those children who like to dance and books, games and colouring activities are available for those children who like to sit and do a quieter activity.

As well as the activities on the playground, there are lunch time clubs in classrooms taking place, which are led by our teaching assistants. We encourage clubs that both children and teachers ask for. These include: reading club, ttrackstar club, football clubs, homework club, sports club and a construction club for KS1 children.

Because of the design of the building, all KS1 and KS2 children use the same way to get to the playground from the hall after they have eaten their dinner. We expect the children to walk not run as they make their

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way to the playground for their own safety. A mid-day supervisor patrols this area to ensure children are following the rules. We also make sure that children are wearing their coats during the winter months. All year groups are allowed to play with the equipment in the second MUGA where the play leaders supervise. To make it fair, each year group has a specific day when they can play ball games in the MUGA.

Mid-day supervisors now have half termly meetings with SLT and we talk about a variety of issues to ensure that the children remain safe and happy at dinner times. We also make sure that the mid-day supervisors have regular training.

We recently had Ofsted and this is what they said about dinnertimes and the behavior of the children at Village Primary School:

- ✓ **The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. There is a strong culture of safeguarding.**
- ✓ **Pupils say that they feel safe and almost all parents who spoke with inspectors or who responded to Ofsted's online questionnaire, Parent View, say that their children are safe**
- ✓ **The behaviour of pupils is good. Pupils are courteous. Their conduct in classrooms, corridors or on the playground is excellent**
- ✓ **Pupils behave well at all times. They are polite and their conduct is impeccable.**

I hope this allows you to have a clearer understanding of what goes on at Village during dinner times. We do have parent forums if you would like to comment or if you have any suggestions on how we can further improve our dinnertimes at Village. It is for the children that we continue to improve our dinner time systems.

Yours sincerely

Ms Archer
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