

16<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,



We are now six weeks into the term and we thought we would update you on how school dinners are working after the changes we introduced in September.

The children have forty five minutes on a staggered start. This means that they do not have to wait a long time from going out to play before they go in for dinner. They can have up to half an hour to eat their lunch (although most seem to go much faster!) and still have a good amount of playtime. Because of the stagger the children have more space on the playground to play as well.

We now have 415 children in school but we are still able to allow all the children to eat in the hall including packed lunches. Could we ask you to check the following points;

- Children can only move between packed lunches and dinners or vice versa at the start of each half term
- a few packed lunches are very full and children are struggling to eat everything they have brought
- a lot of children have sweets, chocolates and sugary drinks in their packed lunch and ask that these are limited as we are a healthy school
- if you provide your child with a yoghurt could you also send a tea spoon, a fork for pasta or a cup for their drink if they need one. We have lost 80 teaspoons from children borrowing them and then unintentionally putting them in their lunchboxes and taking them home with their rubbish
- No nuts should be in any lunchboxes due to allergies in school
- Children should be able to open their own packets of fruit, cheese etc. With 100 children eating packed lunches, many are having to wait for the staff to open them



Yours sincerely,  
J Harris  
Headteacher

*Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility. If you have any concerns about a child, please telephone 01302 737777*



A member of

The Rose Learning Trust

