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C of E Junior school
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Dear Parents,

Today your child may come home and tell you about changes in lunchtime that we are currently trialing. Social skills, table manners and knowledge of food are all built on at school, so we want to show our pupils that learning doesn't stop at lunchtime. If done well, lunchtimes provide a unique opportunity for learning essential life lessons, such as social skills, dining skills, and table manners. We want lunchtimes to be a special part of the day with a whole range of activities on offer, including art, music, reading areas, film club, football and much more! We have spoken to the children about how up until now, children eat separately if they are on school lunches and dinners. We are now having children sitting in mixed seating, which they are excited to trial.

In addition we are also acting on feedback from parents that their children don't have quality time to eat and enjoy their lunchtime.

As part of lunchtime, we will be offering a film club. Please could you inform the school office if you are not happy with your child watching a PG rated film.

Thank you for your continued support as we trial these new approaches at lunchtime.

Yours sincerely

Mrs K. Partington
Headteacher