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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this message finds you well, and my apologies for sending this newsletter at the end of the weekend rather than the start—it's been a very busy end to the week!

Meet The Tutor Evening

It was **great to see so many of you at our Meet the Tutor evening** on Thursday. Based on feedback from last year, we opened the event to all year groups, and I hope those of you who attended found it helpful.

- If there's anything that needs following up from the evening, please do let us know.
- For those who couldn't attend, we will be sharing our **helpful contacts card** with you shortly.

Thank you also to those of you who filled in our **feedback form**. We were delighted to hear that so many of your children have had such a positive start to the year. As always, we know we don't always get everything right, and again, it is a plea from me to reach out directly to me or Lindsay if you have any concerns.

Focus on Social Time Conduct

This week, we will be holding **assemblies** to reiterate our **expectations around social time conduct**. While the majority of our students are ready, respectful, and safe during social time, we do see a larger proportion of those that aren't than during lesson time.

Key points:

- There will be a **real focus** on social time behaviour for the remainder of this half-term.
- The assemblies will also **launch our new social time reward initiative**, which aims to reward those children getting it right at social time.
 - Prizes will include:
 - Front-of-the-queue passes.
 - Hot chocolate.

- Access to an exclusive rewards room (facilities to be decided by students).

We have also spoken to targeted students whose behaviour needs to improve during social time and made it very clear what the consequences will be if there is no improvement.

Football at Lunchtime:

We will be reiterating to those **children who play football** on the field that part of this is ensuring they come off the field when instructed to get to **Period 5 on time**. Too many are ignoring the warning signal, and should this continue, we will have to restrict use of the field, which is not something we wish to do. If your child plays football at lunch, we would be grateful if you could also remind them of the importance of coming off the field in plenty of time for Period 5.

Drinks Reminder:

From 1:55 p.m., the restaurant is closed, so if students need a drink, they need to come off the field in time to get one before the restaurant closes.

Catering and Facilities Updates

We've been working closely with our Trust's catering and site team to problem-solve some logistical issues. Starting from **Monday, 7th October**, we will be trialling a **grab-and-go service from a different location**.

- Many of you mentioned that your children preferred being able to get food from the upstairs outlet. We were unable to sustain this due to health and safety issues and the logistics of moving food upstairs. However, we have located another space downstairs where we believe we can offer the **grab-and-go option**, which will help reduce queues in the main restaurant area.
- The current space where we serve grab-and-go will remain a seating area and we will be able to extend the number of seats we can offer.

We are also working on introducing a **subway-style preorder system**, which should be in place by the end of this half-term as part of our **coffee shop style outlet development**. This will allow children to preorder food and will help speed up service.

- In response to student feedback, this new outlet will also be offering **smoothies at break time**, which is something many students have requested.

While we can serve lunch within 20 minutes (the average time is 13 minutes), we appreciate that it can get busy, and we want to encourage more students to take advantage of our food options.

Developing Our School Spaces

We are looking to develop both our **outside spaces** and our **vocational areas**.

Plans include:

- Developing several **garden areas** between the wings, creating spaces where children can sit and enjoy their time outside.
- Formalising the field with dedicated **football pitches**.
- Renovating an outside facility to house a greater vocational offering for our students. We would like this space to be able to facilitate learning opportunities for our students in **bricklaying, painting and decorating, electrical work, and hair and beauty** training.

As mentioned earlier, we are also working on developing an **indoor reward space** and a **coffee shop-style outlet** at the back of the library. If any of you can help with **donations or sponsorship opportunities** for these projects, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please get in touch if you think you can help.

In time, we will also be looking for members of our community who may also be able to help with this provision by **volunteering some time**. Again, if you can help or know someone who could help with tutoring and working alongside our staff and children in these areas, we would love to hear from you.

Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to updating you again at the end of the week.

Mrs Giovanelli