

3rd November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Improvements to lunchtimes

This half term we are working hard to improve the quality of lunchtimes for your child(ren), because simply it is not good enough.

We will be improving:

The lunch hall and how children are served, we would like this to be an enjoyable and calm experience, where children can enjoy good food and their friends.

We will be working with Leeds caterers and children to help improve the quality and quantity of food. We will also be adjusting the timings of the hall so that it is calmer and less children in at different times.

Lunchtime curriculum

We will be introducing a structured curriculum at lunchtime, where your child will have access to a wide range of activities, such as sport, art, chess, music, etc. Your child will be involved in selecting these and I will ensure we have staff and resources to deliver these.

Behaviour

We have had several incidents of fighting and swearing at lunchtimes, this is not acceptable. We are working hard with those children to prevent such behaviour but have also a zero-tolerance policy and children will be excluded at lunchtimes if there are unacceptable behaviours. **A copy of our full policy is available on the website.**

Staffing

We are going to be recruiting additional staff to support activities and supervising a lunchtime, we will have vacancies in the near future and would welcome and encourage applications from parents.

We are all working hard to improve this special time of the day, working with your children, guided by their thoughts, but I would value your thoughts and opinions and welcome any suggestions.

If you are interested in joining a parent group to help, please contact me kellie.halliday@hovingham.org

Thank you for your support and any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher, team leader or phase lead and of course, myself.

Remember we are all in the same team - your child's team!

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Halliday
Head teacher