Friday 1st March 2024

Dear parents / carers

As part of our constant review of systems and practices across the school SLT have been reviewing our current lunchtime arrangements at the **main site**, in light of some recent challenges around midday support staff recruitment and the efficient deployment of classroom support staff as they take their lunch breaks.

The review has highlighted the following issues which we wish to address

* an increase in incidents of problem behaviour specifically over lunch time, both in the dining hall and on the playground.
* The current length of break time means a reduction in focused teaching time across the afternoon.

As a result of this we have consulted with all staff and have taken the decision to make lunchtimes shorter for pupils and staff members. This will reduce the amount of time pupils are having to wait after they have eaten and in turn make playtimes shorter and more focused.

As a result of this reshuffle the times that your child will eat has also changed. From Monday 4th March all pupils in the senior classes, Owls and Butterfly will now have their dinner at 12pm. Lower school pupils will have their lunch from 12:40pm. All classes will start their afternoon teaching sessions at 1:10pm.

Please note that the dinner routine for pupils at the student centre remain unchanged.

Kindest regards

