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Dear Parents / Carers,

Lunchtimes are an important part of the school day when children need to have time to eat their lunch in a positive, well managed environment. Lunchtime is a social occasion and many children enjoy this time with their friends.

We have always provided a well-structured lunch hour for our children here at Banks Road, ensuring our children are happy and secure through a smooth and efficient organised system. The staggered lunchtime across the 3 year groups has also ensured good behaviour during the lunchtime play, in no small part due to the excellent midday supervisors who understand the importance of how a happy playtime influences a child's positive approach to their afternoon learning. We are very fortunate that we have an excellent lunchtime team and the role of our MDS is recognised by all concerned. Lunchtime is a partnership between staff, MDS and our children.

In the past, our lunchtime service has been run as a 'family service'. This can be described as our children sitting in groups of up to eight where food is presented on portioned out serving plates which are then served into individual portions at the table. The reception children are served by their teachers and support staff, alongside the MDS. The older children are taught to help serve but are monitored and assisted by their MDS and our 'mini middays' from year 2.

Lunchtimes need to be well organised; they are an integral part of the school day. We have recently been working alongside Nottinghamshire School Catering to review our current organisation and are now going to introduce some modest changes after the half term break. Children's meals will now be served and portioned out by the kitchen staff from food service trolleys positioned in the school hall. Our reception children will continue to be seated and served their plated meal by their teachers, support staff and MDS. Our key stage 1 children will be served by the kitchen staff at two trolleys, one for each class, thus ensuring that children will spend as little time as possible waiting for their food.

We are implementing these small changes to improve the overall dining experience and ensure the participation of everyone in the school community. Our kitchen staff will get to know the children and the children will each become part of the 'team' taking on extra responsibility and promoting independence, making lunchtimes happier and healthier for all.

The full school menu is available on the school website. If you require a hard copy please ask at the school office.

Yours sincerely,

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