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Dear Parents and Carers,

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Lunches

Several parents have been in touch with me about my request that children should not bring hot packed lunches to school. This is something you obviously feel strongly about and I want to work with you to find a solution that you find acceptable and is also workable for the school.

Following a meeting with the Chair and Vice Chair of Governors this morning, it has been decided that we will allow pupils in Years 5 and 6 to bring hot packed lunches to school. We will review this arrangement at the end of Term 1, or sooner if needed. Due to Covid, there has to be table service for all pupils eating cooked school meals which means there is inevitably less capacity to assist pupils with packed lunches. This is the main reason we have not extended the offer to bring hot packed lunches to pupils lower down the school.

There has also been some concern about children having to rush their lunch. The sittings are organised so that children in Robins have 30 minutes, Year 1 have 25 minutes and all of KS2 have 20 minutes to eat their lunch.

Ventilation in the Classrooms

In line with government guidance, we are having to keep the classrooms well ventilated. Whilst doors and all windows will not be open on blustery days, and we will not have uncomfortably cold classrooms, some windows must always be kept open. Knowing this, please ensure your child wears plenty of layers to keep warm. They will always be allowed to wear a coat in a classroom if they want, but the rooms will not be so cold that it is normal to need one.

Drop -Off

With the change of weather, I would like to decrease the time it takes to get all children into school. I will let you know of any alterations to arrangements next week. For now, please continue with the current arrangements.

Thank you for your understanding of all the changes to the usual routines. They are in place to keep your children and the whole school community safe.

Kind regards,

Helen M. Smith

Helen Smith Headteacher

