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Dear Parent or Carer

Following our Parent Engagement Group on Wednesday 25th April, I want to let you know about some of the feedback we received and how it will be acted upon.

There was some greatly appreciated positive feedback on a variety of matters, including: quality of the food, its healthiness, portions and the improved cleanliness of cutlery and crockery; the supportive nature of the minibus drivers and their efforts to look after the children; and the range of extra-curricular activities that are available, so there is something for everyone.

We also received a number of very helpful suggestions about things we could do differently or better. The following comments summarise what was suggested and the steps we are taking to act on them:

- (a) Activities that encouraged younger pupils to secure healthy eating habits have long-term benefits. *Mrs Whitehouse is exploring activities for the younger pupils, and Mr Honey will discuss options in terms of bespoke plates with balanced meal pictures on them.*
- (b) Taking steps to encourage pupils to make healthy food choices and avoid waste. *Mrs Whitehouse and Miss Nijjar have discussed this with their staff and ensure that children are selecting healthy choices that they are happy to eat. Mr Honey will discuss with the Catering Manager as well.*
- (c) An additional after-school club for Key Stage 1. *Mrs Whitehouse is investigating what could be provided and will contact parents subsequently to let them know if something suitable is available.*
- (d) Following on from the letter about the playground barrier and access through the school, age-specific letters would help parents and carers understand the requirements relevant to them. *Mr Honey has an updated version of the letter which will be distributed according to the age of child.*
- (e) Staff could encourage Senior School children to undertake particular extra-curricular options, since many would respond to the direction. *This has been raised with staff by Miss Nijjar, so encouragement can be provided.*
- (f) Increase the use of Parentcomms, so key information is received in a timely fashion. *Mr Honey recognises this is a key area and will continue to remind all staff. In addition, various communication tools are being evaluated currently to ensure the best means of staying in contact is selected for future years.*
- (g) Have water bottles that don't leak. *We are looking into different options for the future, so we can avoid this inconvenience.*

I am very grateful to the parents who offered their time and insight to the event, and to Miss Nijjar and Mrs Whitehouse for being there and looking to take on the ideas and suggestions.

Kind regards

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