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Dear parent/carer,

SUBJECT: Changes to Social Time Logistics and Supervision

In assemblies today, all pupils were made aware of a few important changes to the logistics of social times that are in effect from the start of this term. We wished to write to you as parents and carers to let you know what these are and why they have been brought in, so that you are able to support us in answering any questions that your child may have.

Due to a recent and sustained spike in behaviour incidents, particularly at social times (break and lunch), we need to make a few changes to keep our school community safe and supervised. Therefore, parts of the school will be out-of-bounds during break and lunch times to ensure that pupils are fully supervised. We have a large site with many locations that we simply cannot staff, and so we need to limit access to these areas that lack supervision. A further reason for these changes is to provide a quiet space for Year 11 examinations to take place, as many of these fall over break times and the last part of the lunch period.

With the (hopefully) good weather of the summer term, there is an outdoor seating area in the Quad for quiet socialising, as well as the Top Yard that offers opportunities for football and basketball on a rotational basis between KS3/4, as well as further seating areas. The canteen will have a one-way system to ensure a calm environment and a queuing system. Toilets are available during these times with queues managed by members of staff. All other areas of the school will be out-of-bounds to pupils during break and lunch time, except for specific activities that will be providing passes for pupils to access this location. Should the weather let us down, we have a wet-weather plan that will still enable the same effective levels of supervision using our indoor spaces.

Naturally, we will be working hard to ensure pupils know, understand and are able to comply with these expectations, so that they are able to have a relaxed, calm break from their hard work in lessons. However, on the rare occasions that pupils choose to engage in unsafe, disrespectful or defiant behaviour, lunchtime detentions will be issued. The opportunity to collect food from the canteen and eat will still be available in the final part of the period. This ensures that social time behaviour does not impact on learning time, whilst also suitably addressing any issues with failing to adhere to clear and simple expectations of good conduct.

We really appreciate your support with everything we shall be working on this term to make our school a safer environment.

Kind regards,

Greenwood

Mrs L Greenwood
Headteacher

