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Dear Parents/Carers

EYFS Lunchtimes

As we begin to transition back to whole school mixing, lunchtimes is one of the areas we are particularly looking at. As a school, for us, lunchtimes are also a learning opportunity. We see these as a time where we can support the development of social interaction, improve fitness levels and develop friendships. Playtimes and lunchtimes are just as important as all other areas of the curriculum here at BFS.

With this in mind, we are working on developing our lunch times by 'zoning the playground'. This will mean the children, along with free play, can access a number of zones such as sport of the week, skipping, quiet zone just to name a few. We are also looking at opening the play equipment around school, library and ICT suite.

Ordinarily pre COVID, our EYFS learners would have already made the transition into the main playground. There are many benefits of this including access to a wider variety of activities as well as mixing with other children across school. Due to the disruption to COVID this has sadly not been possible as yet however we are delighted to now be in a position to begin this.

We understand the transition could be a little daunting for some children and want to ensure you that we will support the children with this. Both Mrs Morris and Mrs Wright will continue to be the adults in the playground on duty, these are both familiar adults for the children. In addition, we slowly transition them into the main playground, as well as all the zones mentioned above, initially we create an EYFS zone. This allows for the children to have their own dedicated area where they can stay during playtime, or use as a base to return to should they not want to join the other zones.

We cannot wait to share more with you via Snapshot of the Week, where we will celebrate the transition this week.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in contact.

Best wishes

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