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Dear Parent/Carer,

New Lunchtime Arrangements

Since arriving at Ingleby Mill, I have been observing a number of current practices in school, lunchtimes being one of these. I am pleased to announce a couple of changes that will take effect after the Easter holidays.

The first is that we are moving to a wrist band system to order lunches. Children who are on school dinners will pre-order their lunch choice on arrival to school each morning and will be allocated the corresponding coloured wrist band. This will ensure that no matter what time they go in for lunch they will have their choice of food. We are sending home the lunch menus for the Summer Term, as you will see they run on a four-week rotation, with the dates for each clearly marked at the top. They will also be available on the school website. This means you will be able to sit with your child to discuss the lunch options to support their selection. If you wish to change your child from packed lunches to school meals or vice versa, then we still request two weeks' notice in order to change.

We will of course continue to accommodate any dietary requirements.

The second change we are making is to remove the brightly coloured 'flight trays' and replace them with plates and bowls that sit on a small standard tray. This way children can enjoy their lunch in the same way they would at home. This will be the third school where I have implemented this change and all children including our youngest in Reception manage this system beautifully.

If you have any questions about lunches or would like to discuss dietary requirements please contact the main school office.

Yours sincerely

Janis Williams
Head Teacher



