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**Secondary – Lunch Trial**



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Dear parent / carer

During the week commencing 3 February, we will be trialling a potential new lunch format.

In the longer term, it is our desire to have all students taking break and lunch at the same time. There are many benefits to this, which include:

- Opportunity for students to socialise with different students
- More time for lunchtime clubs and activities as staff are available
- Space within the main school building can be used
- Teachers spend less time on duty, which gives them more time with students

Naturally, there are also some issues that we must overcome, such as the capacity of the canteen and access to social spaces. This trial will give us some information on how we might be able to overcome these issues, if we make the decision to return to a single lunch.

For one week only (3-7 February), we will continue to operate two lunches, but Year 8 will move to an earlier lunch break, so we can monitor how we are able to meet the needs of a greater cohort of students (approximately 860) at the earlier lunch.

This means the following will apply for each year group:

- Year 7 – no change to lunch but will share a lunch queue and social space (MUGA) with Year 8 students
- Year 8 – will move from late lunch (1.20pm) to early lunch (12.20pm) and share queue and social space with Year 7 students
- Both Year 7 and 8 students will also have access to a social area in front of Tranby House
- Year 9 (abcd band) will stay on early lunch but will queue with Year 10 students and utilise the social space adjacent to the Leisure Centre, as well as having access to the Tennis Court area on Tuesday/Thursday lunch for ball games
- Year 10 – will share their lunch queue with Year 9 and have access to the Main Hall which will be a temporary extension to the canteen
- Year 9 (efghi bands) and Year 11 – no change

This will likely lead to lunchtime queues being slightly longer, but we are confident that we can still accommodate all students in the canteen and have sufficient time to eat and socialise.

Once the trial is complete, I will write to you again with further information on our next steps.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact your Head of Year in the first instance.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'V Groak', written in a cursive style.

Mr V Groak  
Headteacher