School Council Pupil Voice – Lunchtimes – November 2021

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Feedback About Lunchtimes | |
| What has changed about lunchtimes since Covid?   * Football is back * Separate playgrounds for Y5/6, Y3/4, Y1/2 and EYFS allowing mixing across classes * Eating is back in the dining room and no longer eating in classrooms for some classes * Sitting in classes for lunch * More dinner ladies on the playground * Sitting by friends for lunch * Collecting our food from the kitchen * No more cones of the playground * More children on the playground can mean it’s sometimes noisy * More meal choices – 3 week rota | It’s lovely to see that many positives things have changed at lunchtime for children at Chadsmead Primary. |
| What is better?   * We can see friends from other classes * There is more space to play * We can play football again * More people to play with – we can mix across classes now * Not having to wait too long before collecting food * More space to eat * KS2 quiet space |
| What if anything would they like to improve?   * More time to eat – sometimes it feels rushed * Can we use the apparatus at lunchtime – we can at break times? * A clearer system for collecting lunch – sometimes we are not sure whether somebody is already sitting in a seat * The hall is noisy when we eat * Some children’s behaviour when they eat. * KS1 Quieter spaces * Sit with other year groups and play with other year groups * Getting food quicker so we don’t have to wait * Order of classes into lunch – isn’t it mean to be Y6 first? Often Maple. * Organic choices of food / vegan choices / salad bar * Milk doesn’t always taste nice – it’s warm as its been poured too long * Drink choices are only water or milk * Sampling events to try school dinner items | These suggestions have been forwarded to Mr Stevens who will look at them to see if we can address any of these pints within school |
| Why don't the pack lunch children stay school dinners?   * Some children don’ t like eating hot food at lunchtime * Some children are picky and the menus don’t have what they like * Parents have to pay for dinners they aren’t always free * Parents pack lunches to save money * Packed lunches are healthier - More choices in a packed lunch * Don’t like the food * The menus aren’t always correct –they change when you are expecting what was on it * Portions are too small – jacket potatoes especially * Don’t like food choices –preferred old options from before covid * Parents want us to have food from home * Not enough meat | This feedback has been forwarded to Mrs Grainger who will share this with the catering company to see if they can help us to address some of these pints in school |