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Dear Parents/Carers,

## KS1 Lunchtime Arrangements

I am writing to clear up some recent confusion about children being 'kept in' at lunchtime.

Children in KS1 (Year 1 and 2) have a longer lunchtime than the rest of the school (1 hour and 15 minutes). In order to ensure that there is parity in teachers' working hours, KS1 teachers are expected to spend 15 minutes of lunchtime working with the children. This can be done at any point during lunchtime (at the teacher's discretion)

The additional 15 minutes can be used to finish off work from the morning, to practise basic maths and English skills, to prepare children for what they will be doing in coming lessons (known as a pre-teach) or to address any misconceptions.

Most teachers work with a different group of children every day (based on the needs of the class), but some teachers may choose to work with the same children on a particular topic (eg. extra reading).

This is not a punishment and is never described to the children in this way, in fact, children may receive raffle tickets and stickers during this 15 minutes. No child is ever kept longer than 15 minutes and staff always make sure that children have ample time to eat their lunch (with their friends) and also have plenty of opportunity for fresh air and exercise before afternoon lessons start.

If you have any further questions about this please speak to your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,

Jen Dyson  
KS1 Phase Leader



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