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Dear Parent/Carer

CONSULTATION ON CHANGES TO THE SCHOOL DAY

As part of our ongoing improvements to enhance the quality of the student experience, I would like to take this opportunity to share some proposals aimed at improving the school dining experience. From September 2018 we are considering implementing changes to the structure of school lunchtimes and the introduction of a cashless system.


I am sure you are aware we are currently running two lunchtime sittings, due to the small size of the school canteen, meaning we are currently unable to accommodate one sitting for all our students. As a result, in poor weather conditions students have no alternative but to spend time in corridors due to a lack of internal space. Equally, students are not able to enjoy access to a range of quality extra-curricular activities, as much of the specialist accommodation is being used for lessons. Therefore, the new gym, multi-games area and new hall are often unavailable.

After recent consultation with staff and with the student council, the school would now like to seek parent views about moving to a single lunchtime. The governing body is considering a significant investment of the school's reserves to create further lunchtime accommodation on the school site. The school is planning to install a dedicated canteen facility which would provide additional seating and tables, sufficient to manage lunchtime over one sitting. We are also looking at introducing a cashless system which should make payment easier for lunches, as well as reducing the risk of losing or misplacing money. The system would still allow for cash payments for those parents without the internet as cash pay points will be located near the school reception.

The plan has been a long-term ambition of the school, but until now we have not been able to move forward due to having to address constant flooding and leaking roofs. I am delighted to say that we are now in a position to make this a priority; you may know from our newsletters that we were recently successful in securing over a million pounds of funding to refurbish the roofs and improve flooding management. This means that we can now use our capital funding to enhance the school environment.

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Although the changes will not impact on time spent in lessons or the timings of the school day we would welcome your comments about this proposal. Please communicate your comment to consultationreplies@hungerhillschool.com by Friday 23 March 2018.

Yours sincerely

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