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Dear Parents

Developing Positive Relationships and Strengthening Community

As you will be well aware by now, The Suthers School motto is 'Work Hard, Be Kind'. You may also be aware that as a school we are supporting the national #BeKind campaign, recently promoted by ITV.

In support of the above and as part of our ongoing commitment to helping students develop their spoken language (oracy) skills, we have introduced a new table plan for the dining hall at breaks and lunchtimes. This means that students will have an allocated table each term and whilst they will always be seated with or near someone they have nominated, they will also have the opportunity to develop friendships with students they would not normally sit with – and because the plan will change at least once each term, students will have the chance to get to know and chat to a good variety of their peers. There will also be opportunity for some students to develop leadership skills when we nominate our termly captains.

Our Student Ambassadors have also begun working on ideas for clubs and activities to take place at lunchtimes as this is another key way in which students can develop self-confidence and helps foster a sense of community. We will be seeking the views of all students soon and hope to be able to publish details before the end of term.

In the meantime, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support and invite any parents with suggestions for lunchtime or afterschool clubs to please get in touch.

Yours sincerely

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