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Lunchtime Supervision – Can You Help?

Dear Parents

One of the many things that has impressed me since my arrival at Temple Grafton last September is the quality of care and supervision that we provide for the children over lunchtime playtimes. We are very fortunate to have a team of mid-day supervisors who not only ensure that our children have a safe and secure lunch break they also provide a range of activities and games for the children to enjoy. I have worked in a number of schools during my career and I can say that, in my experience, what we offer here is quite unique.

Sadly we had to say goodbye to two of our mid-day supervisors last year and replacing them is proving to be extremely difficult as we have had very little response when the jobs were advertised. We will be advertising again in the next few days, and carrying out a leaflet drop in the village to try and attract applicants.

We now find ourselves in a position, where we do not have enough staff to enable us to offer the level of provision that we have traditionally been able to. The children's safety and well-being are not at risk. However, having a limited number of staff means that we cannot provide the games and activities that make our lunchtimes special and impacts on the children's use of our outdoor facilities, such as the climbing frame, which require close supervision.

If you or any of your family or friends would be interested in applying for the vacancies, please contact the school for more details.

In the meantime, I would also like to ask if any parents (or grandparents) would be willing to help out on a voluntary basis. If we could get a group of volunteers, this would make a huge difference. What I would like is to get the names of people who could come in on a rota and help out for just one lunchtime each a week (or once a fortnight if we had enough volunteers). As with all volunteers coming in to school, we would need to complete the DBS check (formerly CRB). Our lunchtime break runs from 12:00 to 1:15. Wednesdays and Thursdays are the days when we are in most urgent need of support.

If you can spare the time, please do get in touch with me as soon as possible.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Hendry
 Head Teacher