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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to share some exciting news about the development of our school playground at lunchtime. As part of our commitment to creating engaging, inclusive, and imaginative spaces for all children, we will be introducing several new play areas designed to support creativity, collaboration, and wellbeing during the lunch break. This is something we will be developing over the course of the year as we collect resources and money to help us improve the different zones we will be able to offer. We are delighted that the Friends of Mundella are supporting us with this and are donating a substantial amount of money to help us develop different areas. The Friends will also be fundraising for our playground development throughout this year. So, by supporting events organised by the Friends, your money will be donated to supporting your child's enjoyment of lunchtimes.

The new features will include:

- **Engineering Zone** – A dedicated space where children can work together using a variety of building materials. This area will encourage problem-solving, teamwork, and hands-on exploration.
- **Music and Drama Zone** – A fun and imaginative zone equipped with child-friendly instruments and costumes. Here, pupils can express themselves, create performances, and enjoy role-play activities that nurture confidence and creativity.
- **Curiosity Zone** – This zone is intended to develop children's imaginative play. We hope to have a variety of equipment such as prams, suitcases and old electronics (keyboards, mice) which will encourage the children to develop their own ideas for play.
- **Quiet Zone** – A calm and comfortable corner of the playground for children who may wish to read, reflect, or simply enjoy a peaceful moment. This space will support emotional regulation and include colouring books, outdoor mats and weighted blankets.



Another exciting feature is that we are introducing a new 'free-flow' lunchtime for Y1 to Y6 children. Children will be free to wander between playgrounds and choose the zone that suits them. The current Junior yard will focus on sports (football,



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basketball, hockey), while the Infant yard will be dedicated to imaginative and creative play. To help the children settle into the new routine, staff will be on hand to offer guidance and support during the initial launch phase.

As we work towards making our playtimes more exciting, we need some equipment to help us to do this. Donations of any of the following would be greatly received:

- Suitcases
- Plastic crates, plastic tubes, guttering
- Wooden pallets, wooden planks
- Cable drums, reels, cones
- Large cardboard boxes
- Old pushchairs/crutches
- Large Buckets and containers
- Dressing up clothes / items (in good condition)
- Small toys (farm animals/ dinosaurs / dolls / cars / Lego/ wooden toys)
- Pots/ pans / metal bowls/ metal spoons / spatulas / plates (plastic or metal).

We will be taking donations on Friday mornings in the run up to the end of term.

We are hoping to start the new lunchtime experience in January and we will keep you updated as it progresses. Thank you for your continued support as we work to create the best possible learning and play experiences for our children.

Yours sincerely,

William Smith