

## School Council - December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019



The topic for this School Council meeting was “break times”. It was agreed that breaks were important times, both for friendships and for getting exercise.

### Morning break

- Some Elm Class students are shed monitors, meaning they clear up and put away the toys at the end of break. It was pointed out that children who were not monitors were hanging around the shed and making the job quite difficult. Also, some people were throwing toys in the shed, and children had been hurt. There is not always a member of staff by the shed and certain children were taking advantage of this.
- Some children have been seen hiding toys so they could be “tidied up” later, as those children didn’t like joining the line at the end of break.
- Shed monitors can sometimes be a little later into class than everyone else if there are lots of toys to put away, but have been given warning cards for this.
- Not everyone is lining up nicely at the end of breaks. This means that the whistle is being blown earlier. Also, younger classes are sent in first - this can mean the older children are late back, and they are worried about getting into trouble. Would it be possible to have a reminder in assembly for all classes to line up quickly and quietly?
- The children said they understand that badly-behaved children may be late out to break, but they wonder if those who are behaving can be sent out on time. Some students said they are often sent out late, even if everyone has behaved well.

### Lunch break

- This can seem very short, especially if children have a club to go to. The way lunch-break has now been organised means there is not much time to be with friends.
- Having packed lunches and hot meals going in at different times means that children don’t always get to eat with their friends. They think learning to make and be friends is important, and would like to be able to spend more time doing this.

### Afternoon break

- The children all thought it would be great to have an afternoon break, but appreciate that this would probably result in a longer school day.