PUPIL COUNCIL LEARNING WALK – SPRING TERM 2020

QUALITY OF SCHOOL DINNERS

Background: Many pupils in KS1 on school dinners and many pupils in KS2 choosing to go onto packed lunches

What was done?

Surveys were carried out by the student council in the infant and junior playgrounds. Two groups of children were selected:

1. Children currently on school dinners
2. Children on packed lunches who had previously been on school dinners

What were the main findings?

1. Many infant pupils were happy with the range of food offered.
2. Many infant pupils said they liked having hot food at dinnertime.
3. Infant children liked going into lunch first and having adults to help them cut their food up.
4. Many junior pupils liked having their own food from home in a packed lunch (because they knew they would like it.)
5. Some junior children didn’t like the options of hot food, e.g. wraps, curry and ‘strong tasting’ foods.
6. Some junior children would sandwich options or a jacket potato if they didn’t like the main two options.
7. Most junior children liked the fact that packed lunches were ‘quicker’ so allowing more time on the playground.
8. Year 6 children preferred eating lunch in their classroom instead of the ‘noisy’ hall.

What was done about it?

* Mr Stenson to meet with the Kitchen staff and Cheshire East to review current lunchtime menus and options.
* Findings to be taken into account on new season menu.
* Theme days to be introduced to give new, fun options for pupils.