



Tuesday 18th November, 2025

Dear Thomas Fairchild Families,

Re: Lunchtime Sports at Thomas Fairchild

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to inform you of our updated approach to playtime and lunchtime activities at our school. After careful consideration, we have decided to reduce the frequency that football is on offer as a playground activity. This decision comes in response to instances of over-competitiveness and unsafe behaviour from several individuals during football games. The wellbeing of our students is our top priority, and we feel that this action is necessary to ensure a safe and enjoyable environment for all children.

This term, rather than the football pitch being dedicated to football each break/lunchtime, we will now be using the pitch to facilitate a range of sports and activities for children to engage with, led by Ms Williams our sports coach. These include options such as handball, netball, hockey and, occasionally, football. Providing a broader range of sports in this space will ensure children develop a wider range of skills and a broader knowledge of game rules.

In other parts of the playground we will continue to offer tennis, kingball, skipping games, garden games, reading, construction activities, and colouring activities. We are confident that these activities will continue to provide opportunities for physical activity, creativity, and positive social interaction for all our children.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this decision, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Matt Trahair
Headteacher