



## Radley CE Primary School & Foundation Stage Unit

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Dear Parents,

It has been a busy and unusual week in Thames Class and some of the children are quite naturally feeling a little tired and unsettled. Despite working incredibly hard and getting on well in the classroom, our year 5 girls have found it particularly challenging with friendships and playtimes. We started the week with a group chat about kindness, inclusiveness, flexibility and tolerance. I was pleased how well the girls were able to contribute their ideas in a mature and articulate manner.

Today, with the many changes to our normal routines, the girls have found 'lining up' peacefully particularly challenging. A few were upset with the manner in which classmates behaved or communicated. As a result of another lengthy and collaborative discussion, we have now decided to line up for breaks, lunch and playtimes in register or reverse register order to reduce opportunities for disagreements. We thought it would be a good idea to let you know so if they need to talk about it at home you are already aware of the situation and the solution that they have come up with.

Unfortunately we have had to cancel swimming on Monday but we hope to be able to reorganise it for later in the term. We all look forward to our classmates return and when we can revert back to normal school routines. As ever, we continue to appreciate all you do at home to support your child and help them cope during these changing times.

Best wishes,

Heather Sparks