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Dear Parent/Carer

12th June 2023

Re: School Hens

We are very excited to welcome four little red hens into our school for the remainder of this half term. We will be looking after the hens for the remaining weeks as a trial to see if we can logistically look after them before considering getting our own hens in the next academic year.

The four little red hens belong to the Chair of our Academy Council (Dr Sarah Haynes) who has kindly sent her lovely girls on holiday to our school and they will return to Sarah when we break up for the summer holidays.

The hens are living in the fully enclosed quadrant between the staff room and the long corridor down to the Sapphire Learning Zone and seemed to have settled in really well having just arrived this morning.

At the moment, the children can see the hens from the long corridor but it is our hope that the children can be involved in their care once the hens are more settled. If we get our own hens we would hope that the children will be able to handle them and care for them under adult supervision.

Food is being provided by Michael Cowan, one of our Dads, who is also involved with the North East Poultry Association and we are extremely grateful for this support. A full risk assessment has been completed and obviously the well-being of the hens is of paramount importance.

If your child has any allergies to hens or feathers or if you would prefer them not to have any contact with our hens, please contact the school office as soon as possible. Bedding will be shredded paper.

Our children (and staff) are very excited about the new additions to our school and we really hope we can make hens a permanent feature next year.

Yours sincerely
Mrs D Cross

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