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In relation to the Royal High Primary School, Edinburgh. We understand that, at some point in 2024, a policy was introduced at the school requiring pupils to eat their snacks outside, whereas previously they were required to eat indoors before exiting the building

Copies of any written or electronic communications, including minutes of meetings, concerning the decision to implement the above policy change;

The following is extracted from a Health and Safety Meeting
Date: 5th June 2025

Snack/playground
Next Session

'Concerns around seagulls if children eat snacks outside.
Update – nothing confirmed yet – any changes and rationale will be discussed with staff but no final plan agreed.'

Copies of any risk assessments carried out in relation to the implementation of the new policy requiring pupils to eat snacks outside;

Our playground risk assessment will be updated to reflect any new hazards should this change be implemented.

Copies of any complaints (written or electronic) submitted by staff members regarding the policy change;

No written complaints have been received.

Copies of any internal reports, emails, or records referring to incidents involving pupils or staff slipping or injuring themselves as a result of litter being left in school premises following the implementation of the new policy;

Health and Safety hold one record of 14 May 2024: [Named Person] was walking along the corridor and slipped on a piece of banana that a child had dropped from their snack.

Copies of any communications, meeting minutes, or other documentation discussing any reversal of the above policy, including decisions to revert to pupils eating indoors.

See above, which demonstrates that verbal concerns over seagulls was discussed and that further SLT collaboration would take place, acknowledging any staff concerns.