



4th July 2024

Dear Parents / Carers

We have been thinking carefully about how best to support the social and academic progress of all of our Year 5 children. After careful consideration, we have decided to mix the classes to create more balanced groups for Year 6.

The benefits of mixing classes will be to:

- Create opportunities for children to learn and play with a wider variety of peers
- Enable greater social interaction between children in preparation for secondary school
- Ensure that each of the classes remains balanced in response to pupil development
- Promote a greater sense of community

Our teachers and staff are all committed to making this transition as smooth as possible and we will work closely with the new groups to create a positive and collaborative working environment from the start of the new school year. Our aim is that every child will feel happy, valued and confident in their new class.

The arrangements for class mixing are based on the professional judgements of teaching staff with support from the Senior Leadership Team. Discussions around this have been centred on making the best combinations possible. We always consider what is in the best interests of individual children and classes as a whole when making decisions.

We have taken into into account:

- Ability – we have created an equal spread of ability in each class – we have not streamed children into sets according to their ability
- Working relationships – we know that some children work and learn really well with particular classmates and we have taken this into account
- Friendships – we also know that children feel secure with particular friends and that this can have an impact on their learning – this has also been taken into account

We are sure that our Year 6 children and teachers will have a very successful and enjoyable year. Your child's new class will be shared in their end of year report which they will be bringing home at the end of the day today.

Yours faithfully

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