



26th May 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Reception Class Reshuffle for Year 1

After much consideration and in the best interest of our children, we have decided to shuffle the current Reception classes for their move into Year 1. This is common practice in many schools and ensures parity across classes moving into a new key stage. This is the best time for this move to take place as it will allow teachers to ensure a stable, well-balanced class, who will move through school together right the way to Year 6.

I would like to reassure you all that Reception teachers, Senior Leadership Team, Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator, Key Stage 1 Phase Leader, and of course the children, will all be involved in the allocation process and that we will ensure the children have plenty of their current peers and friends of choice joining them in their new classes. We will allocate the children based on friendship groups, English as an Additional Language needs, special educational needs, gender balance, ability levels and birthdays.

We will be collecting pupil voice during the first week after half term and asking the children who their closest friends are in Reception. Reception teachers will then meet to discuss other factors named above. You will then receive a letter shortly afterwards outlining who your child's class teacher will be. During transition afternoons children will move up with their newly allocated group.

This decision has been made purely for the best interest of the children to ensure that all their needs are being met successfully by their new teachers, and to ensure maximum progress as they begin working within a new curriculum. We will not be taking requests as there would be too many to accommodate, however I know you will trust the judgments of our practitioners, who have built excellent relationships with all of your children and have a really good understanding of their academic and social needs.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to come and speak to me.

Kind Regards

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