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Class Structure – September 2026

Monday 22 June 2026

Dear Parent,

Thank you to those who have contacted the school following Friday's communication regarding class organisation for September 2026.

I appreciate that some families have questions and concerns regarding the proposed mixed-age classes and the impact this may have on their children. We have carefully noted all feedback received.

As outlined previously, the decision has been considered by school leaders and governors and approved by the Governing Body. Decisions regarding class organisation form part of the professional responsibilities of school leaders and governors and are made in the best interests of all children across the school.

I recognise that some parents would have preferred earlier involvement in discussions regarding these changes and understand why families feel strongly about decisions that affect their children's daily school experience, friendships and wellbeing.

Whilst we value parental views, consulting on potential class structures presents a number of practical challenges. Class organisation is influenced by a wide range of factors, including pupil numbers, learning needs, friendships, SEND provision, pastoral considerations, staffing and the need to create balanced classes across the school. These factors are reviewed and refined throughout the planning process, and proposals often evolve as plans develop. It is also important that we avoid public discussion of matters that could inadvertently relate to individual children or family circumstances.

Later this week, we will share further information about next year's class structure, including class placements and teachers. Once this information has been shared, parents will be offered the opportunity to discuss their child's placement and raise any individual circumstances or concerns that they feel should be considered.

We would encourage parents to share any questions or concerns privately with the school rather than through public forums. Individual conversations allow us to understand circumstances fully, maintain confidentiality where appropriate and respond constructively to the needs of each child and family.

Above all, please be assured that the happiness, wellbeing and success of our children remain at the heart of every decision we make. Whilst we understand that parents may hold different views about how best to achieve this, leaders and governors would not proceed with a change unless we sincerely believed it to be in the best interests of children across the school.



Many thanks for your continued support.

Sincerely,



Mr Carl Rogers
Executive Headteacher

