

1st July 2022

Dear parents and carers of children in Year 1,

Today, we are able to let all of the children know which class they will be in next academic year and who their teacher(s) will be.

The Year 1 team feel that it is in the best interests of the children to mix their classes as they move into Year 2. This is something that often happens at the end of the Reception year, once staff know the children well, to ensure that classes are balanced. We made the decision not to do that for the existing Year 1 cohort because the children had had a disrupted time due to the pandemic. It is now the right time to mix the children to ensure that we continue to support all of their needs effectively as they move through the school.

I would like to reassure you that staff have carefully considered many aspects in making their decisions, including personalities, behaviour, friendships and academic ability to ensure a balance across the new classes.

We will have transition activities between now and the end of term to ensure the children feel confident to make the move into Year 2. In our experience, children take these changes in their stride when parents and carers are positive and talk about change being an exciting part of life.

If you feel that your child will need additional support with this transition, please speak to your child's class teacher.

I would ask that you do not put staff in the difficult position of asking for your child to move into another class since this will not be possible. The class groups have been decided and no changes will be made. Please trust us with the decision-making – considerable thought has gone into this.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Sansom
Headteacher