



Thursday 17th May 2018

Dear Parents of Year Reception and Year 1 Children,

Thank you for your overwhelmingly supportive and informative feedback to our consultation about the structure of Years 1 and 2 for September 2018.

In addition to the questions at the meeting, I received 10 written and 8 verbal responses. Understandably, many of the current YR parents expressed a preference for Option 2 - Y2 x1, mixed Y1 & 2 x2 as this represents the least disruption for their children. However, Option 3, 3 x mixed Y1/Y2 was preferred by Y1 parents.

After consultation with parents, staff members, other colleagues at local schools and governors I have decided that our structure for next year will be 3 x Y1/Y2 mixed classes.

The reasons for this are:

- It is the fairest structure for all children.
- There will be an equal number of children in each class (25 approx) which will also allow us to distribute any new arrivals equitably.
- It allows for balanced classes in terms of gender, ability, age and friendship and this will be based on our knowledge of the children.
- Teachers can plan together to ensure a rich Year 1 and Year 2 curriculum.
- Teachers can continue to assess and moderate as a team ensuring standards remain high.

High expectations for Year 1 and Year 2 children are well established across Key Stage 1 and will continue. Children's individual needs will be met, as they are now in single age classes, by teachers responding to strengths and gaps in learning identified during lessons.

Class allocation and teachers will be decided in the coming weeks and all children across the school will meet their new teacher on 'Move On Up Day', Wednesday 11th July. After school, on that same day, parents will have the opportunity to meet their child's new teacher.

I look forward to working with you all in the future and please remember, I am always willing to listen to parents' views.

Yours sincerely,

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