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Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 3 Pupils,

### Reorganisation of Year 3 Classes

As initially introduced at the Year 3 welcome meeting in September 2024, I am writing to confirm our plans for the reorganisation of the Year 3 classes.

It is with a deep commitment to our children's continuous growth that we are moving forwards with the reorganisation within our Year 3 classes. This decision has not been taken lightly and has been made after extremely careful consideration. Through the reorganisation of our current Year 3 cohort, our intention is to enhance the learning environment and educational experience for all our pupils, so that they can continue to 'Enjoy Learning – Exceed Expectations' into Year 4. Our reorganisation of last year's Year 3 cohort has proven very successful as the rebalance of classes has benefitted all pupils.

### **Why are we reorganising?**

We are constantly looking for ways to improve the quality of education and support we provide. The reorganisation will allow us to:

- Balance class sizes based on a number of factors such as gender; English as an additional language needs; social, emotional, mental health needs; pupils with education health care plans; other special educational needs and disabilities.
- Utilise our teaching and support staff resources more efficiently.

### **What changes can you expect?**

The reorganisation will involve the current Year 3 classes and 3 new classes will be created for September 2025.

### **How will children be involved in the process?**

We understand that change can sometimes be challenging, and we are committed to making this transition as smooth as possible for our pupils. We will:

- Involve children in the planning process and share their views on effective peer relationships
- Maintain open communication with pupils to address any concerns
- Provide opportunities for pupils to familiarise themselves with their new class arrangement



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### When Will the Changes Take Place?

The planned changes will be communicated in time for our transition week which takes place week commencing Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June so that children can spend some time in their new groupings in preparation for September 2025. Children will be informed of the new class arrangements on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June. A letter to parents will also be sent on this day.

### How will parents be involved?

We believe in maintaining a transparent and collaborative relationship with our parent community and acknowledge that effective home/school partnership leads to the best pupil outcomes. No doubt the prospect of class reorganisation will cause mixed emotions amongst our parent community. Our key priority is grouping the children in a way that ensures the best outcomes for all. Part of this is grouping children with their peers with whom they have effective working relationships. To help us gain this information from the child's perspective, we are asking children to complete a survey at home. They will be asked to identify up to 3 children with whom they have effective working relationships. We will endeavour to ensure that at least one of these named pupils is allocated to the same class.

We ask that this survey is completed by **9am on Monday 2nd June**. Any child who has not completed the survey at home will be given the opportunity to do so in school. Once the return date has passed and the submission has been made, further amendments or submissions on the form will not be able to be accepted as time is needed to plan the reorganisation.

Parents may have views on the effectiveness of relationships and where there is historic evidence over time of on-going relationship conflicts a decision will be made by the teachers and senior leaders about the suitability of certain pupils being grouped together.

### Will this year group be reorganised again next year?

The plan is that once the reorganisation takes place that these new classes will continue throughout the school until the end of Year 6.

### Next Steps

The pupil view's survey is here:

[Pupil survey](#)

Please complete with your child by: **9am on Monday 2nd June**



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Please contact the school office, your child's current class teacher or a member of the senior leadership team if you would like to discuss the reorganisation process and address any additional questions you may have. We appreciate your understanding and support as we strive to create the best possible learning environment for our pupils.

Thank you for your continued partnership in your child's education.

Warm regards,

**Shona Pitcher**  
Headteacher



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