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Transition Days

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you that this year, we are mixing some of our classes as the children move up into the next year group. There are many benefits to mixing classes and as a two-form entry school we are able to use this approach to provide our children with additional, positive opportunities during their time at school. I would like to assure you that this decision has been considered extremely carefully, with the children at the centre of our thinking.

I wanted to share the process with you, as parents and carers, and to involve you in helping the children as they enter the next stage of their learning journeys.

Year Groups

Children in Discovery Learning (formerly Gateways and Nursery) and Reception – parents have already been informed of their children's classes.

Classes will be mixed for children entering Year 1 and Year 2 in September.

Classes will not be mixed for children entering Year 3 in September. This decision has been made because these pupils will experience considerable changes as they transition into Key Stage 2 in our Junior School.

Classes will be mixed for children entering Year 4, 5 and 6 in September.

Transition Days

Our Transition Days will take place on **Wednesday 12 and Thursday 13 of July**, when the children will be told about their new classes and teachers. They will spend most of these two days in their new classrooms and will have the opportunity to learn about their next year groups. We would ask for your help in preparing your children for this change by talking at home about the Transition Days and the positives of new opportunities. We understand that children may be anxious about change and will be doing lots of work in school to support them with this.

If you would like further information about the rationale behind this decision to mix classes, the principles and the process of the decision making, please follow this [link](#).

Thank you for helping us to teach your children about the benefits of change and how they can learn and grow through this process.

Kind Regards,

Jo Hall
Headteacher