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Dear Parents and Carers of Current Year 4 and Year 5 Children,

Update: Class Organisation for Academic Year 2026 - 27

I am writing to provide an important update regarding the class organisation arrangements for the upcoming academic year.

Since my last communication, leadership and teaching staff have been looking very closely at our current classes, reviewing cohort data, and carefully considering the best possible structures to support our children's academic and pastoral progress.

Following this detailed review, we have made the decision to adapt our original plan. Instead of creating mixed-age classes, **both Year 4 and Year 5 will now move forward into the next academic year in single year group classes.**

How This Affects Your Child

- **Current Year 4 (Moving into Year 2026-27 Year 5):** The current Year 4 classes will be reorganised to create **two new Year 5 classes.**
- **Current Year 5 (Moving into Year 2026-27 Year 6):** The four current Year 5 classes will be merged to create **two parallel Year 6 classes.**

Next Steps

We understand that change can bring questions, but please be assured that this decision was made with the absolute best interests of the children at the centre. By maintaining straight year groups and utilising morning sets, we can provide a more tailored, robust curriculum delivery as they enter Upper Key Stage 2 and prepare for the transition to secondary school.

Our staff will continue to work closely with the children to ensure they feel secure, happy, and excited about their new class groupings for September.

Children will meet their new classes on Friday 26th June.

Thank you, as always, for your flexibility, understanding, and continued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Claire Smith

Headteacher

