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Dear Parents and Carers

After careful consideration by senior leadership and the Reception team it has been decided that the children will be organised into different classes for Year 1.

We believe that this will bring about benefits and opportunities for all children including:

- Creating opportunities for children to learn and play with a wider variety of peers
- Enabling greater social interaction between children as they move through the school
- Ensuring that each of the classes remains balanced in response to pupil development
- Promoting a greater sense of community within the year group

When we make such decisions we follow a clear set of principles:

- The arrangements for class mixing are based on the professional judgements of Class Teachers with support from the Senior Leadership Team
- We always consider what is in the best interests of individual children and classes as a whole when making decisions
- We always consider the happiness and welfare of the children and take into consideration existing friendship groups when we create new classes

After consideration of the above principles and our aims we have carried out the following process:

- Class Teachers and Teaching Assistants observe the children's friendships at work and play
- Class teachers talk to the children about their friendships
- Class Teachers meet to ensure a good balance of friendships, range of educational, social and personal needs, and gender representation in each class
- Class Teachers discuss and finalise groupings with support from the Senior Leadership Team
- **The class each child is in will be shared with parents and children on Tuesday 14th July when the children will meet their new teacher**

Friendships

Over the course of their school years children will have a range of friendship experiences. We find that some friendships can be very fluid, whilst others can stand the test of time. With that in mind, we have used observations of the children in the classroom and at play to inform our decision making as well as what the children share with adults.



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Transition

Once the children know their new classes and teachers we will continue transitioning with children in their new classes. The aim of this is to support the children with making the step to a new year group with a new teacher. The following will happen next week:

- A detailed handover will take place between the current class teacher and the new class teacher
- Children will visit their new classroom and spend time with their new teacher

The children have had a fantastic year in Reception and we all look forward to them continuing their journey in Year 1. If you have any concerns about transition for your child, please contact the class teacher.

Kind Regards

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