

7 June 2024

Dear parents/carers of Year 3 pupils

We have decided that we are going to mix the Year 3 classes at the end of this year, ready for them going into Year 4. This will help the classes to be re-balanced so there is a better mix of ability and gender. It will also mean that for some children, they will have a fresh start with different peers and make new friendships.

It is important that we take into account the children's friendships and we want to involve them. Next week, the teachers will ask them to list four friends (from their class or others in the year group). Although there is no guarantee with this list, we will take it into account and try to place each child with at least one friend from their list. It is important to remind the children that they will still mix at playtime, lunchtime, assemblies, school events etc.

For parents/carers we ask you to share with us any important key information that may be helpful to know when re-organising the classes. There is an online form [here](#) for you to complete should you want to make us aware of anything that may be helpful. Please complete and submit any responses by **next Wednesday 12 June**. The form will close after this date.

We will bring together information on assessment, gender, SEND, EAL and ethnicity to ensure that classes are more balanced.

There will be transition arrangements for Year 3 this half term, including a morning when they will meet their new teachers in their new Year 4 classes. This will happen on Monday 15 July.

Yours sincerely

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