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Mixing Classes for September 2024

Dear parents and carers,

It is definitely that time of year when we start to think about plans for next September; it really is amazing how quickly a year seems to go! One of the decisions we have made for the new academic year, is that we are going to mix the classes for the current years 3, 4 and 5.

Usually we mix classes at the end of year 4, as a lot changes in a period of two years and we like to ensure that classes are fairly distributed in terms of gender, needs and personality. However, we chose not to mix classes between years 4 and 5 last year. Mixing classes is a big undertaking and teachers spend a lot of time providing information about their current pupils so that we can balance classes as successfully as possible.

One of the things we consider is the children's friendship groups. In doing this, we ask each pupil to list 2 or 3 friends who they'd be happy to be in a class with. We have been very clear that this does not mean they will be with all of the people listed, but we will try to make sure they are with at least one person who they would like to be with.

We feel that it is important that you are aware of our plans, especially if your child comes home and says, 'I had to pick my friends today!'

Many thanks,

Mr Dack

Deputy Head