Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to you today regarding a decision that the school has made to trial a class mix. The school has decided that we will be mixing some pupils from 4M and 4BM with each other when they move up to Year 5 in September. Mixing pupils between the two classes will create many benefits for both the school and the individual pupils – in this letter, I will explain these benefits and reassure any reservations that you may have.

Benefits to pupils
By altering the classes, it widens the group of individuals that pupils are used to working with, which increases pupils’ opportunities for social interaction. For many pupils, the change will result in a better working environment for their needs, grouping them with pupils that they are able to work more productively with.

The school recognises that mixing the classes may cause some unrest for pupils; however, it is important for pupils to develop resilience in facing challenges and doing this in a safe and supportive school environment is all the more ideal. Throughout their lives, pupils will have to be in situations which are out of their comfort zones and work with people that they do not know, hence this reshuffle works as an excellent preparation technique.

Your concerns
I would like to reassure you that, when deciding upon the mix, the school will consider each individual pupil’s ability for settling into new situations and whether they are likely to feel uncomfortable or uneasy with the new class dynamic. Where possible, friendship groups will be considered so that pupils are happy in the class. The school always strives to ensure that pupils feel comfortable and safe, so the school will ensure that there are familiar faces in their new class.

Classes will still include a range of mixed-abilities, which encourages a positive classroom atmosphere. The mix will be well thought-through to ensure that pupils are put in environments most suited for their learning – the school will not move pupils light-heartedly or at random.

If you have any queries with regards to this letter please do not hesitate to speak your child’s teacher or a member of staff.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Rothwell
Head Teacher