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Arrangements for Year 5 and 6 from September

Dear Parents and Carers.

Historically we have always had the need for mixed year group classes due to the differing numbers of pupils in each year group. This is very common in primary schools

This year, the current year 6 and year 5 cohorts have been small, which has meant that only two classes have been needed within upper key stage 2.

The current year five, as they move into year 6, are once again joined by a large cohort which means that, like last year, there is a need for 3 classes.

These classes have been created so that pupils are with their friendship groups as much as possible. All classes contain pupils of every prior attainment, there is no holding children back if they have been assigned to the mixed year group class.

Our curriculum operates a two-year cycle - year A and year B so that it is spread over the phases, key stage 1, lower key stage 2 and upper key stage 2. This also allows the teaching staff to work collaboratively when planning lessons and share areas of expertise.

In response to the guidance provided by the DfE, next year, there will be fluidity across upper key stage 2. The children will not always be taught by their 'registration class teacher' for Maths and English. So that all children make the maximum amount of progress, we will be targeting the learning so that the children access exactly what they require. Some pupils will need catch up work, where the lessons will revisit concepts that the children are not yet secure with. Some children will be secure with a particular aspect of learning and be in a position to move on and be further challenged. The children are not being set and pupils may move between groups depending upon the concepts being taught and their individual learning.

The curriculum in the afternoons is the same across the year groups and children will access the same lessons, whichever class they are in.

The year 6 pupils will also access the same 'end of primary school' events and learning, regardless of their registration group.

I have met with all of the children today and explained this to them, and they have had the opportunity to ask any questions. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate in contacting school.

Yours faithfully,

Lucy Peberdy