

28<sup>th</sup> June 2018

**Re: Parents of children in Year 1 and Year 2 in the academic year 2018/19**

Dear Parents/Carers,

After careful consideration we have come to the decision to continue to have three Key Stage 1 classes in September and manage them in the same way we have done in the last three years.

We need to run with three classes in line with guidance that we should **not** have infant classes bigger than 30 children. We currently have 33 children in Year 1 and 28 children in Reception but these numbers can grow to 34 in each cohort.

The class your child is in will depend on their **age** as we feel this is the fairest way and would be most beneficial to all the children. The classes will be:

- **Rabbits** – made up of the youngest Year 1 children (birth dates: 13<sup>th</sup> October 2012- 30<sup>th</sup> August 2013).
- **Hedgehogs** – made up of the oldest Year 1 children and the youngest Year 2 children (birth dates: 1<sup>st</sup> March 2012 - 12<sup>th</sup> October 2012).
- **Owls** – made up of the oldest Year 2 children (birth dates: 1<sup>st</sup> September 2011-29<sup>th</sup> February 2012).

There has been much careful thought and planning for these classes and the children will benefit from:

- Small class sizes of approximately 20 children.
- Effective teachers who can deliver quality differentiated work to support and challenge and ensure personalised learning is key to all they do.
- Effective teaching assistant support.
- All children working on the same topics at the same time.
- Regular monitoring of how pupils are progressing with regular assessments and pupil progress meetings to ensure all children are making the progress they should.

We are planning transition activities such as Circle Time and are looking for opportunities for the children to play and work with their new classmates over the next weeks. We know how we manage this transition is crucial to all our children feeling happy, secure and confident in school. **Children will find out about their new classes and teachers on the 12<sup>th</sup> July** – the day they will meet their new teacher.

We are very confident that this is the best way forward and we really appreciate your support.

Should you wish to discuss this further, please feel free to pop into a ‘drop in session’ on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July between 7.00 and 7.30p.m. (in the school hall) or make an appointment with Mrs Roberts (KS1 Leader) or myself.

Best wishes

Zoe Hussain  
Headteacher