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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am now in a position to be able to share with you our class organisation and staffing arrangements for the next academic year. The classes and teaching staff will be organised as follows:-

INFANTS (Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1)

	Mrs Elliott/ Mrs Subritzky	Mrs Rowntree/ Mrs Abbott	Mr Gargiulo
Reception	23		
Year 1		17	16
Year 2		11	11

EYFS Phase Leader: Mrs Elliott

KS1 Phase Leader: Mr Gargiulo

JUNIORS (Key Stage Two)

	Mrs Todd/ Mrs Jones	Miss Sugden	Miss Malarkey	Miss Dunn	Miss Dickenson
Year 3	11	11	11		
Year 4	12	12	11		
Year 5				29	
Year 6					34

LKS2 Phase Leader: Miss Dunn

UKS2 Phase Leader: Miss Dickenson

Please note: *The above pupil numbers are for illustrative purposes only. The profile may, and often does, change during the summer term.*

Larger classes will be prioritised for teaching assistant support.

Statutory planning and preparation time for teachers across the school will be covered by Mrs Subritzky, Mrs Rowntree and higher level teaching assistants (HLTAs) with appropriate qualifications.

Where there are parallel classes within a year group, a number of different factors are usually considered when allocating children to groups:-

- Gender balance
- Academic ability
- Effective learning partners
- Special Educational Needs Pupils/Children in need of additional support
- Previous teachers (including male/female)
- Twins
- Friendship groups

It is difficult to balance all of these factors and give them equal weighting, but we do try our best.

Friendship groups

When year groups are split across more than one class, we send home a form for you to complete in consultation with your child. In it your child will be asked to nominate five friends that they would be happy to be with. Whilst existing friendships are important, **we do not see them as the most important factor**. Children make friends quickly and we feel that a crucial part of social training is making new friends during their time with us. The ability to do this is very important in later life and tends to be a source of confidence.

For pupils moving into Year 1, 2, 3, and 4 in September 2021

I have attached a nomination form. We ask you to nominate five names of children that your child would be happy to be with. This could be friends or children they enjoy working with. **It is important that the list is complete**. If your child is unable to identify five names, please don't worry, the teaching staff will fill any gaps with names that they feel your child works positively with. We will endeavour to ensure that **at least one** of the names appears on the same class list as your son or daughter. We make no guarantees other than we will try to ensure there is one familiar face. Please try to remain positive in front of your child and talk up the benefits of meeting new people whilst emphasising they will only ever be a short time away from seeing their current best friend at playtime. Please return the completed form in the envelope provided by Friday 11th June 2021.

I will try to notify you of actual placements by Friday 25th June 2021.

For your reassurance, our curriculum is organised using a thematic approach. Themes are arranged to accommodate mixed-age classes i.e. into a three-year cycle for Early Years and KS1 and into a two-year cycle for Lower Key Stage 2 and Upper Key Stage 2, in order to avoid replication. Children will be organised into flexible groupings within, and sometimes, across classes, to access the curriculum, where appropriate. Teachers routinely plan and differentiate the appropriate level of work within each topic or subject for each child. We also intend to bring year groups together for certain lessons, for example, French in KS2 and PSHE Jigsaw lessons.

I have, in the past, sent home a more-detailed explanation about class organisation. I will update and upload this information for 2021 onto the school website after half-term. Copies will also be available from the school office.

We are planning an opportunity for your child to spend some time with their new class teacher before the end of term.

If you have any personal concerns that you wish to discuss with me, please don't hesitate to contact me prior to 11th June 2021.

With very best wishes,



Caroline Hancy
Headteacher

For pupils moving in to Y1 Y2, Y3, Y4 only

Name :

Current class teacher:

Please nominate **five** friends that you would be happy to be with in your next class:-

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I will try to ensure that a least **one** of the names is in the same class as you next year.

Thank you

Mrs Hancy

With very best wishes,



Caroline Hancy