

16 June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

ORGANISATION OF CLASSES FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

I am writing to explain arrangements for classes moving up to new year groups in September. This year we have taken the decision **not to reorganise classes** in any year groups at the end of the year. In other words, your child/ren will remain in the same class as they move up to a new year group.

The thinking behind this decision is that we believe it is in the children's best interests to return to school with as little change as possible after an unprecedented time away from their learning. It will mean that children can resume friendships from their previous class and "hit the ground running" with their learning. Another factor is that this year it will be more important than ever for their current teacher to pass on detailed information about each child's strengths and areas for improvement to the teacher of their next class. It will now be easier to arrange this.

Our next step will be to consider the best ways for next year's teachers to introduce themselves to their new class – either face to face or through video messages. As soon as we have made arrangements for this, I will write to parents again.

In the meantime, I would like to repeat my message of thanks to all our families for their support of the school and their children's learning through the long closure caused by the COVID pandemic. We all share a strong wish to return to a normal pattern of schooling and are hoping that this will be possible in September.

Best wishes

Mr Simon Adorian Headteacher