



St. Stephen's Church of England Junior School

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'Act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with your God'
Class organisation from September

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we begin planning for the next academic year, we would like to share some important information about class organisation for September.

Next year, the children in the current year group will be reorganised into new mixed classes. We know that friendships and familiar groupings are very important to children and their families, so we want to take this opportunity to explain why we are going to do this and to reassure you about the care taken in the process.

We understand that changes to class groupings can be significant for children and families, and we would like to reassure you that this process is undertaken with great care, thought and consideration. Creating the new classes is a lengthy process involving close collaboration between teachers, support staff and senior leaders. We have carefully reviewed a wide range of information to ensure that every child will be placed in an environment where they can thrive both academically and socially.

A particularly important part of the process is listening to the children themselves. We value pupil voice, and children were given opportunities to share their thoughts, friendships and any concerns they had about moving into the next stage of school – if they had any. Our aim throughout is to create balanced classes where all children will feel happy, supported and ready to succeed. Every decision will be made with the best interests of the children, ensuring that their individual needs are carefully considered alongside the needs of the wider cohort.

There are many benefits to reorganising classes in this way. It allows children to build new friendships, develop independence and resilience, and work alongside a wider range of peers. It also enables us to ensure that each class has a balanced mix of abilities and learning needs, so that all children can be supported and challenged effectively.

We appreciate that some children may feel a little anxious about change at first; this is completely natural. Staff will support all children through this transition, and we will provide opportunities for them to spend time with their new classmates and teachers before the end of term.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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