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7th June 2017

PROPOSAL TO MIX YEAR 4 CLASSES FOR 2017-2018

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 4

I wanted to write to you today to ask for feedback on the proposal to mix up the classes in Year 4 in time for September.

The Senior Leadership Team and I have become concerned about the increasing imbalance in Year 4 due to the extra children that have left and joined since the year group started in 2016.

Every intake at QE is balanced around a set of criteria. We use the feedback from the infants school first, followed by the children's choice and then special educational needs, gender, English as an additional language, etc. When the current Year 4 classes were first sorted, we used the above criteria as much as possible. This was not very easy to do due to the number of SEND children and boys in the year group. As we currently stand, we have 62 boys and 55 girls in Year 4 with two classes having 18 boys and 12 girls.

We appreciate this is a big step and the reason we are consulting with you is to ensure the following balances are kept

- Balancing ability levels
- Balancing Special Educational Needs
- Balancing Behaviour needs
- Achieving a good gender balance
- Separating difficult combinations of children
- Pairing children with teachers and support staff who can best support them

We would of course make sure your child has at least one friend they select in their new class as we did when they entered QE.

We would only make this decision if the majority of you as parents agree to the change. We have considered all possible options and wanted to get your opinion on this proposal.

Please could you return the slip below **by Friday 16th June 2017**.

Many thanks

Roger Blackburn
 Headteacher

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Child's Name:	Child's Class:
I agree with the proposal to reallocate the classes	(please tick)
I disagree with the proposal to re-allocate classes	(please tick)
Signed:	Date:

Return to school by 16th June 2017

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