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"A caring, supportive community, grounded in a Christian ethos, where children are inspired to explore their potential and develop skills for life."

Head Teacher: Joanne Davies

Friday 10th June 2022

Dear Year 4 Families,

Over the course of the last term, the children in Year 4 have been working in various groupings across all three classes for a number of different activities. During these sessions, the teachers have noticed that the groupings have worked particularly effectively, incorporating an improved balance of personalities, abilities and specific needs. The children have been noticeably more focused and engaged in their learning.

This led to discussions among the teachers and leaders about whether some changes should be made in order to provide an even more effective learning environment for the children, as they move forward into Year 5. Several other factors were also discussed and considered, for example, the gender mix within the year group, children with specific needs, any new children who have started throughout the year and the particular personalities and dynamics within each class. Taking all these factors into account, we have decided to re-organise the classes for Year 5.

You may have been unaware that this approach was a possibility, however, we believe that having a flexible attitude and reassessing each cohort regularly in order to provide the optimum learning environment for the children is the best approach to enable children's achievement. We hope that mixing the classes up now will mean that they will be in the best groupings for learning for the remainder of their time at Queen Eleanor's, however, we will of course monitor this carefully and will advise you if any further changes are necessary.

We recognise that one of the key factors for the children will be their friendship groups and so we have ensured that the teachers have taken this into consideration when making decisions. We are doing this to help with the children's learning, and even if some of their friends are re-organised into the other classes, they will still be able to play with them at playtimes and lunchtimes. There will still also be occasions when the children will undertake activities as a year group or in specific groups as they have already been doing up to now.

I hope that this letter has helped you to understand our decision and that you will offer your support in terms of your discussions with your children at home. This will, of course, add to their ease of transition into their new class. Next Tuesday, the children will be told who will be in their new class groups and then will find out their new class teacher on Transition Day (Wednesday 29th June 2022).

Many thanks for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Joanne Davies

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Headteacher