Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to share some important updates regarding class structures at our school for the upcoming academic year from September 2025.

As many of you may be aware, schools across the country, including ours, are seeing a decline in pupil numbers due to a general drop in the birth rate. This ongoing trend has led us to make some adjustments in how we organise classes across the school.

For the past two years, we’ve successfully run mixed Year 3 and Year 4 classes. Due to continued low numbers, this structure will stay the same next year.

When creating classes, we consider things like academic needs and friendship groups. Current year 2 children will be split into 3 groups.

Current Year 3 children will continue in their current groups as they move into Year 4, joining with the new Year 3 children.

On 13th June, we received confirmation from the local authority that from September 2025, our school will need to introduce mixed-age classes in EYFS and Key Stage 1.

Although final pupil numbers won’t be confirmed until 15th July, we are currently planning the following class structure:

· A Reception class

· A Year 1 class with a small number of Reception pupils

· A Year 2 class

In terms of upper Key Stage 2 in September 2025, we will have:

· One Year 5 class (Year 4 children in the current year 3 / 4 mix will come together as one class due to small numbers.)

· Two Year 6 classes

All children will spend time with their new class teachers on Friday 11th July and Monday 14th July.

We understand that change can bring questions. Please rest assured that all decisions are being made with governors and the local authority, with the best interests of our children in mind. Mixed-age classes are thoughtfully planned to ensure every child receives high-quality teaching that meets their individual learning needs, along with opportunities to thrive socially and emotionally.

We will keep you informed if the above structure changes and encourage you to reach out with any questions you may have. Our dedicated staff are committed to ensuring a smooth transition and a positive learning experience for all our pupils.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Mrs Tomlinson Headteacher