Dear Year 2 Parents,

Transition to Year 3 – Mixed Year Group for September 2025

I hope this letter finds you well. As we prepare for the new academic year, I am writing to inform you of important information regarding the transition of Year 2 children, into Year 3 in September 2025.

To better accommodate the needs of all children, and to ensure a balanced and dynamic learning environment, we will once again mix Year 2 pupils with Year 3 pupils for the coming year. This means that your year 2 children will be in a mixed Year 3 / 4 class as part of a combined year group in September 2025. It is not uncommon to have mixed year classes and many other schools in the town already use this model for teaching and learning.

The current year 2 and year 3 classes have 85 children in total and as such this is the same as having 3 classes of less than 30. The Local Authority work with us and this year are again directing us to have three classes rather than four. This model has worked well over the last 2 years. It was also part of our structure during our Ofsted inspection in October last year where children were seen to thrive.

The class teachers spend time carefully considering all the children and will split them into 3 groups. Each child has been asked to confirm 3 friends that they would want to be in a class with and staff will ensure that children are with at least one of their choices. Classes will have an equal mix of year 3 and year 4 children from September 2025 and will be taught by staff that they are familiar with and who know the year 3 and year 4 curriculum well.

The teaching team are excited to work together with the children and will be spending time with them on Friday 11th July and Monday 14th July. Your child will be told which teacher they have on transition day on the 11th July, and will share this information with you.

We understand that any change can bring questions, and we are happy to discuss this further with you should you have any. Our goal is always to provide the best learning environment for your child, and we are confident that this continued approach will support both their academic growth and personal development.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to working together to ensure a positive and successful year ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Tomlinson Headteacher