



CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

We have, as you know, restructured the classes in EYFS/KS1 so that there will be three, rather than four classes across KS1. Staff are aware of comments made regarding the new class structures and whilst we understand the decision has caused concern for some parents, we would like to reiterate points made at the meeting on Tuesday, 11th July:

- We have your children's education and best interests at the heart of everything we do;
- There is a typically broad range of abilities within all classes, in both mixed age classes and specific year group classes;
- We are confident that all children are, and will continue to be, challenged at all levels in our classes;
- All teachers and staff are accountable for ensuring all children make good progress in Key Stage 1 and achieve the age related expectations by the end of each child's second year in KS1 (Year 2). We work incredibly hard to achieve this;
- Staff have spent a considerable amount of time ensuring there is a 'balance' of abilities, friendships and children from the four current EYFS and KS1 classes to form the three new classes: Year 1, Year 1 and 2, Year 2 classes. Each child identifies their friends through a termly friendship audit. Every child has been placed in a class with at least one friend listed by them on the audit.

Our school mission statement is 'High Expectations for All' regardless of age, gender, race or ability and this is underpinned by our Catholic foundation 'faith, hope and love'. Do trust us and work in partnership to achieve the very best for your child.

We have an 'open door' policy; we encourage you to come in and talk to us if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

Clare Tickel

Mrs C Tickel
Headteacher