



MERIDIAN COMMUNITY
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Mixing Reception Classes

Dear Parents and Carers

Every year when we are planning for September, we look at the classes across the school and make decisions about whether or not to mix the children up to create new classes.

This year we have made the decision to mix the Reception classes to support all children as they move up to Year 1. This will ensure they will be able to achieve their best next year and support their learning in Key Stage One.

The reason for this decision is that over the course of the year we have noticed an imbalance of children across the classes. For the new classes we have endeavoured to ensure that, where possible, there is an even mix in terms of girls, boys, children with SEND, children without SEND etc.

Mr. Bridgford and Miss. Caesar have worked hard to put together two classes that they feel the children will thrive in both academically and socially. The children will have the chance to mix into their new classes today and meet their new teachers and I know that they will feel positive about this next step and moving up to Year 1.

Please be aware that mixing classes is a difficult task as there are many different variables to consider, such as girls, boys, children with SEND, children without SEND, friendship issues, higher achievers etc. Whilst we have tried to ensure that all children have a friend from their friendship group in their new class, we cannot always guarantee this. If this happens, we always tell the children that they will still see their friends at break time and lunch time and actually they might make some new friends.

Please note we will not be able to accommodate any requests for changes to the class lists. We would kindly ask that you accept the class mixes and support the decision of the school.

We have attached a social story to share with your children if you wish to support them through this change.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Kind regards

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 Next year  at  school,  your  class  is going to  be mixed.










 This  is a  really  exciting  time!










 You  will  be  with  some  children  who  have been  in  your

 class  this year  and  some  children  who  have not.

 It  will  be a  change  for  you  and  you  might  feel worried.

 This  is  normal  and  there  are  lots of people  you can  talk to  in school.

 You can  talk to  your  teacher  or TA,  Mrs Harmer  or  Mrs Kirton. 

 You  will  love  being  in  your  new  class  in

 September!