



# Stamford Green Primary School



13 June 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Current Y3 - Classes for the next academic year

As you may remember, when your child joined YR, it was mentioned in the welcome meeting documentation, that we will be mixing the children in each class twice during their seven years with us. The reason for doing this is for educational benefits for all the children as they start Y4.

Many schools in the local area mix classes regularly, some even do it every year. This is due to the educational rewards that come from mixing as teams are re-balanced, alongside children learning the skills of working with different people. Additionally, thinking ahead to secondary school, children are in different groups for every lesson so a gentle introduction to this is beneficial.

Mr Loughlin, Mrs Smith and myself are the only staff involved in this process and I have asked the teachers to think about each and every child in their class in terms of who they will work well with, friendships, whether there are any individual considerations such as medical needs, social needs, learning needs that must be considered etc. We think about the class (bearing in mind all the elements above) and make a decision on which class we feel the child will do 'academically and socially' best in. Both classes will have a wide range of pupil ability, a balance of gender and other specific needs. We also ask parents to mention anything they want us to take account of (please see the last paragraph). From all of this information we draw up draft class lists and look, re-look and look again at our decisions - it takes the staff hours.

On Monday 10.7.17 your child will come out of school with a slip of paper with their new class details; this will not include the details of other children in the class to prevent a breach of personal data in line with the Data Protection Act and our Safeguarding Policy. The children will spend Tuesday 11.7.17 with their new teacher and classmates so will know who is in their Y4 class and this day will give them reassurance during this period of change. In the meantime the class teachers will talk to the children this week about next year.

If you feel anxious about any issues in relation to classes next year, then please email Mr Loughlin [loughlind@stamford-green.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:loughlind@stamford-green.surrey.sch.uk) or Mrs Smith [smithh@stamford-green.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:smithh@stamford-green.surrey.sch.uk) by Tuesday 20.6.17 to let us know your concerns. Specific classes or teachers will not be taken into account, nor can parents try to specify who else should or shouldn't be in their child's class but we will consider any exceptional circumstances that may have a bearing on a child's academic progress. We will listen and act accordingly if we see an educational reason for your viewpoint.

Once classes have been finalised and shared with children and parents, further changes will not be considered so please highlight any considerations you would like us to take into account now.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L Druce  
Headteacher