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Dear Parents/Carers,

Reports and Parent Consultation Meetings

Thank you for the positive comments in relation to the change in timing for reports this year. The timing now provides a greater opportunity to discuss the report and targets with your child's class teacher during parent consultation meetings. If you were unable to make any of the appointment times prior to half term, please contact the office so we can arrange a time for you to meet the class teacher. Just to remind you that you will also receive a data report at the end of the academic year highlighting your child's final attainment.

Class Organisation

You will be aware that the Federation has organised children into mixed aged classes for a number of years. This is due to the historic intake of 45 children, making up one and half classes. As schools cannot afford a teacher for half a class they use a mixed age approach.

Although there is nothing wrong with the current successful structure, over the last few years the Federation has increased its intake with some year groups now at 60 pupils (2 classes). The new intake for our Reception classes for September 2019 is also 60. Therefore we believe the time has come to move to single age classes, with the exception of Year 5/6 where numbers will not allow for this just yet. Please see the table below for class organisation in September 2019. The same care will be taken when teachers begin allocating classes for the children for September. As usual, you will learn your child's new class teacher on 2nd July, before Transition Day on 3rd July. If you have any questions about the organisation please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Year R	2 classes of 30
Year 1	2 classes of 23
Year 2	2 classes of 30
Year 3	2 classes of 30
Year 4	2 classes of 24
Year 5/6	3 classes of 27

Transition

We believe that a thorough transition programme helps children to settle quickly in the new academic year. Our new Reception children have already been popping in for stay and play sessions to get to know the infant school. Our transition programme for Year 2 children involves a growing number of visits to the junior school as well as junior teachers visiting the children in their current classes. If your child is moving up to Year 3, please read the attached booklet for further information and key dates. Secondary transition is also underway, with the head of Year 7 and pastoral leads visiting Year 6 teachers to discuss the needs of individual children. Year 7 pupils also visit to talk to our children about their experience and what to expect. If you would like any further information or feel your child needs additional support around transition, please contact us at the Infants or Juniors.

Thank you for all your support,



John Bailey