



*As the roots spread so the tree grows*

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Dear Year 1 Parents and Carers

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I am writing to inform you that next academic year, when your child starts Year Two in September 2017, there will continue to be four morning classes for the subjects of English, Phonics and Mathematics but there will be **three** registration classes and **three** afternoon classes. This decision has been made as a result of the significant reduction of current Year One numbers since last September.

Your children will register in the morning with their Year 2 class teacher and will then move to their English group, followed by their Maths group and then their Phonics group. This is already a familiar routine with Year One children and will further prepare them for Year Three.

The Year 1 teachers will work together to decide new class placements for September. This is a complex task and we will give it careful consideration to ensure classes are as well balanced as possible. Teachers consider a wide range of factors and needs including gender, academic ability, special needs, behaviour and friendships when placing the children.

Creating new classes is a healthy process and gives children opportunities to continue existing friendships and to make new friends. Any initial issues accompanying such changes will be quickly resolved and children will enjoy and thrive within their new class groups.

Your children will continue to work in one of four maths and phonics groups as they did in Year One and there will be the introduction of four English groups also.

We will be asking children to tell us the names of their friends and will also closely observe their positive friendship groups to see who they would be happy to be with in their new class. This is so we can ensure that, *along with all the other factors which are taken into consideration*, every child has at least one friend in their new class. We find that children are very good at telling us who their friends are and it is a very normal procedure to ask them about their friendships; we feel it is important to listen to them and involve them in this process.

The Year One and Year Two teachers will continue to communicate well with each other and we will work hard to ensure that the transition from Year One into Year Two is a positive and smooth experience for your children.

Yours sincerely

**N T Cale**  
Headteacher

**Headteacher: Miss N T Cale**