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Dear parents/carers

I wrote to you at the end of last week regarding our decision to review the Year 4 classes, as we did with last year's Year 4, as the pupils move up into the upper half of the school.

Following this letter, in which I outlined our rationale for this decision, a few parents have approached the school requesting their child be moved to a different class.

Whilst we understand parental concerns about children being with friendship groups, I would ask that you respect the professional judgement of the staff. Putting the classes together has not been an easy task; a range of criteria was taken into consideration about the children – including whom they would like to be with and who may not help their learning – and the Year 5 teachers. Consequently, the children will be staying in their allocated classes at the start of the new academic year.

We appreciate parental feedback but our experience shows that children are less phased by such changes than their parents sometime fear they may be and makes them more resilient for their move to secondary school in another couple of years when they will be split into far more classes.

Yours sincerely

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