



SHEERNESS WEST FEDERATION

Isle of Sheppey, Kent



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Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians

I hope that you are well and still keeping safe.

At this point of the school year and as part of our transition programme we always carefully consider the make-up of each year group in school and how they have learnt and socialised together. Sometimes we choose to leave classes as they are, sometimes change groupings for Maths and English lessons or sometimes changing the mix of both classes in the year group. Any changes we might carry out are done to provide an improved learning atmosphere within lessons.

Since we moved from two classes in each year group to three, the number of children in each class has been low. Although it is nice to have smaller classes, this is an expensive option for us. Having looked at our current Reception through to Year 5 and what will, we feel, be best for their learning from September onwards (especially given how much school has been missed this year) we have taken the decision to reorganise the classes for next year. This will enable us to use our existing staff more efficiently, provide opportunities for the year group to learn more effectively and allow us to better meet their needs as a whole.

From September, Years 1 to 6 will be taught in mixed classes:

Year 1 and 2

Year 3 and 4

Year 5 and 6

All the children will be placed with some of their friends from their old class, but our main aim with the class reorganisation is about helping them to become even better learners. In the main, the teachers will be staying with the same year groups as before, and they will all be familiar faces to the children. Support for children with additional needs will not change.

Ordinarily the children would have experienced their new class on transition days. Sadly of course, this year is rather different.

We will be writing to you with details this week about the classes and the teachers they will have.

Our plans for how the school will re-open to hopefully all of the children in September will be shared with you over the next few weeks.

Yours sincerely

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