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Teaching and Learning Year 2

Dear Year 2 Parents/Carers,

As Headteacher, my primary duty (after keeping your children safe) is to ensure that they are getting the best possible education. You are trusting me and my team with the responsibility to have a marked difference in your child's life and we are fully committed to doing what is in their best interests; that includes reviewing our practices and structures.

Over the first half term, we have been reviewing the quality of our provision and teaching and learning across the school.

In response to our observations, we have taken the decision to convert back to having two forms across KS1. This will mean two Y1 classes and two Year 2 classes after the half term and we will be two form entry throughout our Federation.

The benefits of doing this are:

- Smaller class sizes (similar to that of private schools)
- Enhanced targeted and personalised learning opportunities
- Research has shown that students in smaller classes have higher grades and perform better
- All lessons pitched appropriately to meet age-related expectations

We know that changing at this point of the year is not ideal, however we need to ensure all children have access to the highest level of education we can offer. We will have a high leadership engagement with the team and children to ensure a positive transition.

The KS1 will continue to plan their lessons together to ensure consistency and collaboration.

Mrs Chrusciak's class currently has 29 children and Miss Bickmore has 11 Year 2 children. We will be making these classes 20 children each, which means there will be some movement. Please let us know by Tuesday 17th October if you would like your child to be considered for a move to Miss Bickmore's class by [completing this form](#). We will confirm any moves by talking to parents/carers by Thursday 19th October. We know that this is a quick

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turnaround, but we need to act quickly to improve provision and prepare the children for the transition.

As this is a big change, after the Meet the Leader meetings on Tuesday, we will do an extra Q&A session just for KS1 Parents.

Yours Sincerely,



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