



25<sup>th</sup> May 2017

To Parents of Children in Year 4

Dear Parents

I am writing about our plans for your children as they move to their new classes in September 2017.

We will be re-grouping the classes just as happened last year, thereby allowing children to enjoy different experiences and friendships as they progress through the School. Children will also continue to be set for certain subjects, meaning they will spend some lessons working with children from other classes as well as being able to play with their existing friends outside lessons. By mixing up the classes we will be encouraging children to widen their social circle and make new friends too.

Whilst we know that many parents may wish to ask for their child to be with a particular teacher or a special friend, we regret that we cannot consider such requests as, when put together, they invariably clash and contradict one another. The children will be told the name of their new class teacher during the final week of the term and new class lists will be sent to parents at this time.

From Year 5 upwards, children also join a tutor group with tutors overseeing children's pastoral care and academic progress. Tutor groups have a small number of pupils from each senior year group. Children remain in this group for the rest of their time at Town Close and the groups meet twice weekly. Your child will have the opportunity to meet their tutors and spend time in their new tutor groups on Moving Up Day on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July.

We also look forward to welcoming Year 4 parents and pupils for the Year 5 induction meeting at 4.15pm on June 26<sup>th</sup> in the Read Hall, which I wrote to you about recently.

Please do feel free to get in touch with me if you have any comments or questions.

Yours sincerely

Nicholas Bevington