



29<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

This year has flown by and we are now beginning to think about your child's transition into Year 4. As you are well aware, the decision was taken not to mix your child's classes when they moved up from F+B, as they had missed such a lot of school during Year 2. It is of course an important life skill to make new friends and work with a range of others, one children rely on heavily moving from Years 6 to 7, so it is important your child has the opportunity to do this at several points during their primary school careers.

Next year and in the future, classes will be mixed at Reedings between Years 3 and 4, as we feel that moving schools is a big enough change without mixing classes at the same time. Mixing classes between Years 3 and 4 also means that our teaching staff are able to make informed choices about who goes in which class based on the year they have spent teaching your children, leading to a balance between classes academically and socially.

Your child's teachers will be sharing with your child that they are going to be mixing the classes, in September, over the coming weeks and will be asking them to write down 3 friends that they would like to be with. Staff will be clear with children that this may not be possible, but there will be plenty of opportunities to make new friends in their new classes.

I hope you will agree that mixing classes is a valuable part in your child's primary school journey and I look forward to being able to share with you your child's new class and class teacher before the end of the Summer term.

Please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office or at the start or end of the day if you wish to discuss this any further.

Very best wishes,

Mrs Rebecca Newton  
Headteacher