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Dear Parents and Carers,

Class structure 2019-2020

Class restructuring for current Years 2-5 will be implemented again this year in time for the new academic year, as laid out in the class structure policy (see website under *School info > Policies > Class Structure Policy*).

Our policy is clear about involving the opinions of pupils and we would therefore ask parents and their children to consider with whom they believe **they work best** in lessons. Who can most positively influence the progress and success of pupils is not necessarily the same as who their best friends are, of course; we would like you to reflect on qualities they each need in classmates such as co-operation, teamwork, encouragement, positivity, concentration, work ethic, etc.

This week, each pupil will come home with a simple form that will allow them to record the names of six children from their year group. **These do not have to be from their current class.** We would ask that you remind your children to be sensitive about discussing their choices when they return the form; in some circumstances, sharing the information widely may lead to other pupils being upset. If you wish to provide any additional information to the class teacher, you are welcome to speak with them about this in the next few weeks.

Please return the forms to your child's class teacher by the last pupil day of half term - **Wednesday 22nd May**. Current Year 3-5 class teachers will then start the process of discussing and planning the new class structures for next year based on their own observations as well as your child's opinions. It is important for children to understand that they may not be placed in a class with all of the pupils that they list and we ask that you help your child to keep this in mind.

Yours sincerely,

Mr R McIntosh
Deputy Headteacher

