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Dear Parents and Carers,

Class structure 2018-2019

As confirmed in our newsletter of 29th March, you will be aware that class restructuring will be implemented again this 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, to that end, we would like parents and their children to consider and discuss with whom they believe **they work best** in lessons. This is not necessarily the same as who their best friends are; we want you to reflect on qualities they each need in classmates such as co-operation, teamwork, encouragement, positivity, concentration, work ethic, etc. Thinking about who can most positively influence the progress and success of your child in lessons will be a far more valuable exercise than who they enjoy playing with at break time, though we know this can be the same.

Today, each pupil will come home with a simple form that will allow them to record the names of up to four children in their year group with whom they believe they will work best next year. **These do not have to be from their current class.** We would ask that you remind your children to be sensitive about their choices when they return the form; in some circumstances, sharing the information 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 day of half term - **Thursday 24th 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