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Dear Parents and Carers of **Year 6 pupils**

Further to Mr Ferris' letter in the summer term outlining the arrangements for mixed Year 5/6 classes, I wanted to reassure all Year 6 families that being in a mixed age setting will not harm your child's experience in their final year of primary school.

We are aware that Year 6 is an important milestone in your child's educational journey and we have introduced many measures to ensure our Year 6 pupils continue to succeed.

Outcomes for **all** pupils remain high, regardless of the year group they are in. All children in the phase will access the correct curriculum for their year group, age and stage of development. Research consistently shows that children in a mixed aged class are not disadvantaged academically and can gain improved social and leadership qualities.

Some headline measures we have already taken include:

- Our Maths curriculum is delivered in separate year groups with smaller classes.
- We have 5 teachers working across the phase.
- Separate spelling sessions for Year 5 and 6.
- All the Year 6 curriculum objectives are taught to ensure our children are ready to thrive in their next phase of education.
- Many Year 6 only events – especially towards the end of the school year.
- Explicit transition package in preparation for secondary school (Summer term).

Where appropriate, we will also offer additional teaching sessions for children ahead of assessments in May. We constantly review our procedures to ensure all children are receiving a good education, whether in mixed ages classes or separate groups.

The Year 5/6 team have worked closely together to provide a varied and interesting curriculum that challenges the more able children and provides support for those who need more help, whichever year group they are in.

We are rightly proud of our Year 6 success which has improved year upon year, including us being top of the league for Maths in 2019. We are determined to maintain our high standards even with the barriers COVID-19 presents.

Should you have any concerns or wish to discuss mixed classes further, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Kind regards

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