



GREAT HOLLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Richard Ferris
BA(Ed) Hons, NPQH

Wordsworth, Bracknell
Berkshire, RG12 8YR
01344 424 911
ghpsoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org
www.greathollandsprimary.co.uk
@MEGreatHollands

Tuesday 13 July 2021

To Parents/Carers of Years 2 and 3 pupils

Dear Parents/Carers

As you may now be aware, next year we will be combining our main classes in Years 3 and 4 into three Year 3/4 classes. The combining of year groups this year for Years 1 and 2 and Years 5 and 6 has been extremely successful.

This change is fundamentally happening due to the number of pupils we have in the key stage phase and we have to do this to maintain normal class sizes of less than 30 pupils.

I am writing to you to outline how this may work, to reassure you that this is common practice in schools and to let you know that our relentless drive to secure the very best for our pupils will not be affected by this arrangement. In fact, the arrangement will allow us to teach the core curriculum areas that your child needs to succeed in, through even better ways within this design.

Teachers in mixed-age classes are clear as to what the age-related expectations look like for each year group. This will be used to inform planning and ensure that pupils are assessed against their own year group expectations. Rigorous assessment will ensure that the teachers can respond to the learning needs of both age groups and teachers will adapt the learning and groupings as the pupils mature and progress.

Our goal is for all pupils to make strong progress and our flexible approach helps to maintain our ever improving educational outcomes for our pupils.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Mrs Watson, LKS2 Phase Leader, via the school office.

Yours sincerely

Mr R Ferris
Headteacher