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Dear Parents and Carers,

Class structure 2017-2018

From the information you received in January regarding the class structure policy, you will know that we are now in that time of the school year when we are actively considering the make-up of next year's classes in Years 4-6. The Infant School will be doing likewise for the current Year 2 transitioning into Year 3 at our school.

Our policy is clear about involving the opinions of pupils and, to that end, over the half term break we would like parents and their children to consider and discuss with whom they believe **they work best** in class. 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.

Next week, 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 after half term; in some circumstances, sharing the information may lead to other pupils being upset.

Please return the forms to your child's class teacher on the first day back, Monday 5th June. Current Year 3-5 teachers will be spending part of the day on Thursday 8th June (polling day for the general election - school is **closed** to pupils) discussing and planning the new class structures for next year based on their own observations as well as your child's preferences.

Regards,

Mr R McIntosh
Deputy Headteacher