

Wyke Regis Primary Federation

Inspiring Hearts and Minds

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Class organisation for September 2023

During the course of your child's learning journey at Wyke Regis Primary Federation we occasionally split the classes as they move from one year group to another. We are going to do this in September for the transition of **all year groups** in order to balance the classes and their needs. Year leaders have already started the process of drafting potential classes in readiness for transition morning on July 4th.

In addition, due to falling local (and national) school rolls, **our current FS2** (reception) will be re-organised into a different pattern to accommodate a lower number of children starting in September and we will be reducing our classes at the Infant site by one. There will be two Y1 classes, two FS2 classes and one class of FS2 and Y1 run by a year leader. Having looked at various models of reducing by one class, we think this solution will work best.

We are fortunate to be able to mix classes as this is a large school with 3 classes per year group, and it has proven to be a very good way to further develop children's learning and resilience in many ways. Children grow and develop from year to year and the characteristics and balance of the classes, as well as academic abilities, change as a result.

It is important that the children understand this as a positive change and an opportunity to learn with different children in their new class. In fact, we already take every opportunity to work together as year groups; for example, year group projects, trips, collective worship, P.E. and residential trips.

Whilst we obviously take friendships into account our prime consideration will be based on our professional judgements as to where your child will be best suited to achieve as well as they can. We remind the children that they can still play with their friends every day at break times and lunchtimes, and, of course, out of school.

On Tuesday 4th July all children in the Federation will meet their new teacher and spend a morning with them. We will inform you of your child's new teacher on Monday 3rd July. The children will also be told in school so that the transition morning can be planned and they can look forward to it.

In our experience children are positive and prepared for change when their parents are positive and supportive too.

We thank you for your support with this process and if you have any concerns then please don't hesitate to contact either Mrs Anders or myself as soon as possible at either site.

Yours faithfully

Mrs W. Roberts

Head of Federation