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Dear Parents and Carers

As we begin preparations for the next academic year, one of our key priorities is ensuring that all children are placed in class groups that support their wellbeing, personal development, and academic learning.

There are many factors that class teachers take into careful consideration when organising these new classes; including learning styles, individual needs, a balanced mix of abilities and personalities and friendships. We recognise that friendships are an important part of school life and can have a positive impact on how children feel about coming to school each day.

We acknowledge the importance of discussing meaningful friendships with children and take their perspectives into account; however, we are unable to guarantee any friendship preferences or requests from children or from parents. Throughout the school day, staff closely observe how children interact, learn, and collaborate with others, and these observations play an important role in informing our decisions.

All decisions that are made about new classes will be based on the professional judgement of our team with the best interests of all children at heart. Once class lists have been finalised, changes will not be possible. Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Kind regards

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