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Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June

Dear Parent / Carer,

The class arrangements for September 2019 will be as follows:

- Class 1 – Mrs Dale (Reception children only)
- Class 2 – Mr Harley (Year 1 and 2 children)
- Class 3 – Miss Smith (Year 2 and 3 children)
- Class 4 – Mrs Chapman (Year 4 and 5 children)
- Class 5 – Mrs Thomas & Mrs Lloyd (Year 5 and 6 children)

We are funded and have the space for five classes, and as there are seven years in primary education, two of our year groups (Year 2 and Year 5) will always be split between classes. Children in these years remain part of their year group cohort but are taught in different classes. The expectations of good progress and high achievement are the same for all children in Year 2 and 5 no matter which class they are in.

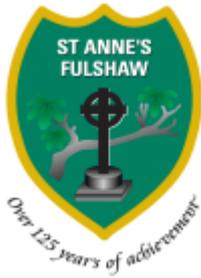
In deciding which classes the children move into, we take a large number of individual and school level considerations into account, including:

- Confidence and emotional robustness (children who are young for their year may have to work with others who are almost two full years older / children who are less confident flourish when they can be the role models for younger children)
- Social and emotional maturity (some pupils are wonderful role models for younger pupils and some may benefit from learning these skills from older, more experienced pupils)
- Pupil progress
- Pupils' attainment (the standards they have already achieved)
- Potential exceeded or potential underachievement
- Friendships and social groups
- Gender balance in classes
- Class size

As part of our commitment to a curriculum that meets the needs of all children, we provide a daily phonics / grammar lesson where children work in mixed ability groups across the school. We also 'float' children between classes for specific subjects or units of work. This may last for a year, or for just a few weeks, depending on the need of the child and the delivery of the curriculum.

Children at St Anne's Fulshaw are very used to working with other age groups and in different combinations, something that is also reinforced by our events during Science Week, Global Week and Sports Week, where children work in their colour groups.





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As the Year 2 and Year 5 children move into their new classes, we also provide lots of opportunities for them to come back together with their peers:

- Joint planning and topic coverage Trips and visits including residential visits (Year 2 and 3 together / Year 5 and 6 together)
- Swimming (Year 4 and 5)
- Wider Opportunities instrumental tuition (Year 4 and 5)
- Science Week / Global Week / Sports Week / Sports Day (working in colour groups)
- Sporting events led by our Sports Leaders and specific sports coaching which may target particular year groups rather than classes
- Events which are targeted to individual year groups

**We would like to remind parents that we never use language such as 'held back', 'held down', 'moved back/up' in school and would ask that these are not used at home or on the playground to describe the classes that children are going into. We look forward to your support in making sure your children are sensible and considerate when discussing their new classes with each other.**

A Year 2 child is a Year 2 child, whether they are taught in Class 2 or Class 3. Our expectation of progress and standards does not differ for groups of pupils. Children may be covering different topics or themes but actually learning to develop the same skills i.e. developing a sense of time and historical research skills through themes on toys, houses, clothes, so please do not worry if classes decide to learn through different topics.

A letter informing you of your child's new class arrangements will be part of the information pack that you receive when reports are sent out on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July. The children will enjoy two half day transition sessions where they spend time with their new teacher and get to know each other better on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July (morning) and Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July (afternoon).

We hope that you will join us in celebrating the end of the year at the many events that we have planned before the end of term.

Yours sincerely,

Ms C Daniel  
Headteacher

