



# *St Mary's Catholic Primary School*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are in the last term of the academic year and that we are thinking about transitions to the next year group.

After much discussion between the SLT, Phase Leaders and teachers we have decided to make a change to some class groups from September. The year groups where this change will take place are those currently in the Foundation Stage, Year 2 and in Year 4. We feel that these are appropriate points within the school to change some of the classes around as children develop so much during their time in school and we believe that making changes at these key points will help the children be prepared for their next stage in education. Combining children across the year group, in the formation of two new classes, will also foster new friendships and develop the children's ability to work with different groups.

The children moving from Early Years to Key Stage One, those in Year Two moving into Lower Key Stage Two and those in Year 4 moving to upper Key Stage Two all develop in different ways, and often new children enter the class and the dynamics change. Therefore, this is an opportunity to ensure that the make-up of each class works for each and every child. The teachers know the children and the parents and carers well, and they will make any changes with the best interests of the children at heart. All changes will be clearly articulated to the children and support with the transition will be of highest importance.

Before transfer day we will inform you which class your child will be in next year and with which teacher. Then on transfer day your child will move with their allocated class to the specified teacher.

I am sure that your child/ren are looking forward to the change and I know that we will make sure that it is a positive experience. Your support, as always, is appreciated, thank you.

Yours faithfully,

Helen Armstrong  
Headteacher