



## Stanford Infant School

'Exploring and Learning Together, Inspiring Each Other'

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Dear Year 1 Families

As you know, each year we think about arrangements for the next academic year. We always consider whether new classes need to be established; often this involves re-grouping the children to create new classes in order to achieve the best educational balance.

Having spoken with the Year 1 team, we consider it to be in the best interests of the children to split the current Year 1 classes as they move into Year 2; therefore, making new class groupings. Many important factors have resulted in this decision, primarily achieving a good balance in each class, as this has changed since the children started in Reception.

When your child arrives at Stanford Infant School, we have already grouped them according to a range of factors without ever meeting them. However, we are now privileged to know them really well and are therefore able to formulate classes with all the children in mind. The Year 1 team will be taking into account friendships and groupings that work well and making sure there is a good educational balance in each class.

This will offer the children the fantastic opportunity to make new friendships, as they will get to know others in their year group really well, as well as maintaining current friendships. They will become used to making new friends; which is vital to a successful time at school. Obviously, we will take into account children who already have a positive learning partnership when organising revised classes.

The class teachers have already begun looking at the re-balance and are working together to plan our comprehensive transition programme. I would like to reassure you that the children's best interests are central to the planning for their transition to Year 2. We know that the children are very adaptable but this can be more unsettling for you as parents/carers, as you have also established some firm friendships. Please make an appointment to discuss this with your child's teacher or myself if you have any concerns. Having done this many times in the past, we know what works well and hope you will trust our professional judgement as we consider the needs of all the children.

We will be offering you the opportunity to attend a transition meeting in the second half of the summer term, where you will meet your child's Year 2 teacher and find out about the exciting learning experiences. This is planned for Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July @ 7:30pm.

Yours sincerely

Madeleine Denyer  
Head Teacher

