

Wednesday 16th May 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Staffing Update and Year 2 transition into Year 3

As parents of 2SO will be aware, Miss Methven will be leaving Riverside at half-term. I would like to thank Alison for her wonderful energy and enthusiasm especially given she originally came to the class in a short-term position. We wish her well moving forwards. For the final half-term we have arranged for Mrs Emma Owens to join us. Mrs Owens is an experienced teacher who has been working with us recently in Year 2 in a supply capacity. She has many strengths that she can bring to our team and has already got to know the children very quickly. She is really excited about joining our Year 2 team for the final half of the summer term and there will be further opportunities to meet her on Monday 21st May when she will be teaching in 2SO for the day. We have planned for detailed transition and handover meetings with Miss Methven.

You will be aware that when considering transitions from KS1 to KS2, we always reflect on class groupings at the end of year 2, to ensure that the balance of need, gender and support is appropriate into Year 3.

We have given this matter a great deal of time and thought and have taken NYCC advice in addition to liaising with all agencies supporting our work in Year 2.

We have been very pleased with the way the children have now settled in 2SO and they are progressing well towards age related expectations. Following detailed discussions with Governors, we have decided that the current class groupings for Year 2 will remain in place for the transition to Year 3.

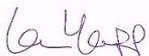
The children have benefitted greatly from the enhanced staffing and focus work that has been in place for this year group and keeping in place the established class groups will enable this to continue through into Year 3, thus benefitting pace and progress into the Autumn term and beyond. We also consider it an ‘unnecessary risk factor’ to de-stabilise the year group by mixing the classes when we have achieved a much more positive dynamic within class 2SO.

We will plan transitions into Year 3 in detail, taking individual need into account as well as continuing to monitor and support the groupings very carefully. We have a plan to introduce additional tracking points and reporting to governors for both classes as the children move across into key stage 2.

I will write out again shortly after half-term to confirm class teacher deployment as the pupils move in to year 3. We will send this information out for the whole school on Wednesday 6th June.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Miss Woodward (Deputy Headteacher) in my absence.

Yours sincerely,



Ian Yapp, Headteacher

