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Class Review and Organisation for 2022-23

Dear Parents/Carers of Reception, Y2 and Y4 Children,

As we reach the end of the academic year, we are thinking about the organisation of your child's class. In the past, most children at Eastbrook have stayed with the school all the way from Reception to Y6 and, along the way, their personalities, friendships and academic strengths have gradually changed. Recently, however, our school intake has started to change more regularly and children have also gone through more rapid personal change. To help to ensure that every class is the best possible place for every child to learn, we are going to start a new approach. Every two years, to make sure that there is the best possible balance of learners, personalities and other characteristics, we will review the make-up of classes in YR, Y2 and Y4., ready for possible new classes in Y1,3 and 5 in the 2022-23 academic year.

There are four reasons to review classes:

- Make sure children are as happy as possible with the other children in their class
- Ensure the best possible academic balance so that all children succeed
- Keep a good balance of boys and girls, languages, educational needs and personalities
- Give children experience of working with different classmates over time

In order to do this, we will look very carefully at the make-up of each class at the end of Reception, Year 2 and Year 4. Where we find that some movement between classes would be beneficial, we will make sure anyone who does move stays with as many friends as possible and has the right support from their teachers. We will look at all of the following factors when we review the balance of classes:

- Academic attainment in reading, writing and maths
- Other subjects they enjoy and are good at
- Educational needs
- Genders, home languages and cultural background
- Personalities and friendships

For the last of these, we will also ask for some input from parents and children. Although most 'friendship' activity happens outside the classroom, it is important that classes are pleasant, sociable places to be. We therefore want you to nominate three children who you would really like your child to be with in class. We

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will make sure that we keep them with as many nominated friends as possible, with at least one of the children you list. Where we think a friendship is not beneficial 'in class' we will let you know.

Once we have reviewed the classes, we will publish changes (if we make any at all) for a two week consultation period. This will give you a chance to see the new class lists and give us feedback. At the end of the school year we will send out the final lists based on what you have told us.

The new review system will help your child and all other children to have the best possible experience throughout their time at Eastbrook. It is also very important to note that, if we do not feel children need to be moved around when we review classes, then we will keep things the same. We will not move classes around 'just for the sake of it' but when our review shows us that there is a need to make changes.

We will ensure the following:

- Your child is with at least one of the children named in the form below
- If your child does not need to move classes, they won't
- Any moves will be carefully supported and we will keep classes under review during the first term of the year to make sure everyone is happy and successful
- We will keep an open mind to how well this system works and listen to feedback as we go along
- We will come back to our class reviews every two years to make sure everything is working

We are excited to be able to try new things and to keep giving every child the chance to make sure that 'every day matters'.

Best Regards,

Mr. Wade

Please complete the slip below and return it to school by Friday 17th June.

Your child's name and surname: _____

Current Year Group: _____

I would like my child to be placed in class with at least one of the following children:

Child name (and surname): _____

Child name (and surname): _____

Child name (and surname): _____

Signed: _____

Please return to the school office.