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## Dear Parents,

You may be aware that, for the third year running, we have been allocated 18 children to start with us in September. This is slightly higher than our usual intake and will mean we will have 18 children in Early Years and 36 children in Key stage one. There are legal class size limits in Key Stage one and this means that we are not permitted to register all 36 children in one mixed-year 1 and 2 class. Therefore, next academic year we are required to change our class structure.

After considerable planning, we are really pleased to inform you that we have been able to fund an additional teacher for 5 mornings a week. Mrs Spencer, an existing member or our team and well known to the children is returning to her teaching career and we are delighted to have appointed her as a part time teacher. This will enable our children in Early Years, year 1 and year 2 to be taught in discrete year groups every morning. (Early years: Wren Class, Year 1: Goldfinch Class, and year 2: Robin Class). This is an amazing opportunity that will enable the children to be taught in small groups of around 17/18 children for a large percentage of their learning time.

In the afternoons, for registration purposes, children in year 1 (Goldfinch Class) will be split alphabetically between Wren and Robin Classes to form two mixed aged classes. However, both classes will work together as an Early Years/KS1 base where children will have opportunities to learn across both Wren and Robin classrooms developing their artistic, investigative and musical skills to name a few. The children will continue to make the most of our outdoor learning environment, building relationships across the year groups and independently apply learnt skills. This is a very exciting opportunity; one we believe all children will benefit from enormously. We believe that this development in our provision will help us to provide the very best learning experiences for every child during their very important formative years of school life.

Parents of year 1 children will be notified in a separate letter as to which class their child will be registered with in the afternoons. It is important to highlight that every child will receive the same curriculum, and be continually supported, challenged and monitored to ensure they are making good progress in a stimulating and fun learning environment.

Please see below for additional staffing arrangements.

**Mornings** 

EYFS (Wren Class) Year 1 (Goldfinch Class) Year 2 (Robin Class) **Teachers** 

Mrs Yelland Mrs Spencer

Mrs Jenkinson / Mrs Totman.

TA staff

Mrs Skeens Mrs Smith Mrs Morgan

## **Afternoons**

Wren Class Mrs Yelland

Robin Class Mrs Jenkinson / Mrs Totman

If you have any questions regarding the organisation of the classes, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Kindest regards,

Adrian King

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