



# Knights Enham Junior School

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Date: July '21

## Classes for September 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We have decided that moving forward, we will be mixing the classes and children at the end of each academic year. Our aim is that over a child's journey through school they would be mixed on average two times and be given the opportunity to connect and re-connect with all of the children in their year group, building strong, positive connections.

Having discussed the matter at length and seen the positive impact of mixing classes in the past, we feel that regular, routine mixing of classes will help the children's relationships, help to balance the classes and limit any ongoing friendship issues. This will allow children to develop better resilience and broader friendships in a safe and comfortable environment. We feel that by mixing the year group, the children will have the opportunity to make friends across the year groups and see themselves as a year group team rather than just a class, thus building a stronger school community and pride in our school.

With the above in mind, we would like to inform current Year 3 parents that lower school will consist of 3 classes for the next academic year. These classes will be a mix of Year 3 and Year 4 pupils, which is the same structure the school currently has in upper school. Please can I reassure you that the mixed year group approach has been a huge success this year. The teachers have worked hard in designing a curriculum, which is not based around the children's age, but their learning needs. This approach will continue next year for the Year 3 and 4 mixed classes.

Parents are also most welcome to talk, confidentially, to current class teachers, to let them know their views. There will be a consistent criteria for teachers to consider in order to harmonise the classes for the maximum benefit of the children:

- Children's views on friendships
- Teacher's views on friendships
- Range of educational, social and personal needs
- Age and level of maturity
- Balance of Gender
- Balance of Special Educational Needs
- Balance of English as additional language
- Balance of Ability
- Family relationships such as in year siblings/staff children

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**Key Dates: (please note, these may change after reviewing any new Covid guidance).**

| Dates   | Event  |
|---|--|
| Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> July                            | Letter goes out to all parents about classes for September   |
| Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July                           | 9:30am – 10:30am<br>Transition to new class: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 2 &amp; 3 pupil meeting new adults their class via Google Meet.</li></ul> 9:30am – 11:45am <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 4 meeting new adults in the class</li><li>• Year 5 meeting new adults in the class</li></ul> 3:05pm – 3:45pm<br>Meet and greet outside on playground – opportunity to say hello to the new teacher |
| Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July | Separate 1:1 transitions across the school. Parents will be informed via a letter if this involves your child.   |

I hope that this letter has explained to you our rationale behind the decision and provided you with some reassurance of the process. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, then please do not hesitate to make contact.

Kind regards,

D.Whitehouse  
(Headteacher)

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