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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to let you know of our plans for our current Year 5 children ahead of the next academic year. This year we have been in the fortunate position of having an extra teacher working with Year 6. This has allowed pupils to work in smaller groups with two adults working with each group. Children have benefitted from more tailored support and an enhanced adult to pupil ratio.

We are delighted to tell you that, with some small changes, we will continue with a similar model next year. Miss Dobson and Mrs Cragg will be supported by Mrs Wilson and Mrs Mort teaching one group with 15 children and another group of 16. This will be for the English and Maths curriculum in the morning only. Children will revert to the full class of 31 for the afternoon sessions which will also be delivered by either Miss Dobson or Mrs Cragg. The class will still have the same play times, assembly and lunch time together and we still consider this cohort to be one class.

Miss Dobson will be delivering the English curriculum while Mrs Cragg will teach all of the Maths. Please note that the groupings will not be based on ability or prior attainment. Mrs Williams, who knows your children well, will ensure that the two groups are evenly balanced. Details around the groups will be shared before the end of this school year.

This model will allow your child to work in a smaller, quieter environment and have access to greater adult support than they ordinarily would have. Not all schools are able to do this and we anticipate that it will contribute to accelerated progress and allow children to successfully tackle the challenges of Year 6.

Thank you,

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