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Dear parents/carers,

I am writing to inform you of an exciting development in how we will be structuring the learning environment for the Year Five class in the coming weeks. To help prepare the children for the transition to Year Six, we have decided to introduce a new model of working that will better support their learning and development.

We have split the Year Five class into smaller groups using an additional classroom space. This will allow the children to work in more focused, quieter environments for their English and Maths lessons in the morning. This approach mirrors the successful model we currently use with Year Six students, where smaller groups have proven to foster greater concentration, engagement and a more purposeful learning atmosphere. The Year Five staff team will plan together and all children will be covering the same curriculum content, using the same resources but in smaller groups. On a three week cycle, the children will work for two weeks in their normal classroom and then one week in another room in school.

We believe that this change will not only help to further prepare the children for the increased independence and responsibility they will experience in Year Six but will also support them in developing stronger collaboration and communication skills as they work more closely with their peers and teachers.

We are confident that this change will be beneficial to the children's learning experience and we look forward to seeing how it supports their continued progress. We will review this arrangement at the end of term but, so far, it has been a success.

If you have any questions or concerns about this change, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me or the Year Five team. We are always happy to discuss any aspect of your child's learning.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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