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Dear Parents and Carers,

Mixing Classes

As shared earlier this year following our governor pupil voice and parental survey, we indicated that families will be able to have the opportunity to discuss with their child their friendship groups and who they consider a good learning friend to be in the class with for the next academic year. These will help inform teachers of pupil views when compiling class lists for the academic year 2025-2026.

A reminder of the information and timetable we shared with parents in March, and the rationale for mixing classes, can be found on our website here: https://www.beardallfields.org.uk/mixingclasses.

Friendship Choices

Children may choose up to a maximum of five other children across their year group.

This form must be returned to your current class teacher no later than Monday 8th June. Pupils will complete this form in school without parental input if no form is returned by this date.

Twins or Siblings in the Same Year Group

We do not have a blanket policy about separating or keeping twins or siblings in the same year group together. Every family is different and we consider children as individuals. We will work with families to make the best decision for each child and recognise that this may change as children grow older.

Process of Compiling Class Lists

Arrangements for new class lists are based on the professional judgements of staff with the final decisions made by the Senior Leadership Team. Discussions between teaching staff will be dedicated to making the best combinations possible and will consider the best interests of individual children, classes and year groups as a whole. Once class lists have been published, changes will not be possible.

Children and parents will be informed of their new class on Monday 30th June in advance of our whole school transition day on Thursday 3rd July.

Transition Activities

As a school we are committed to providing a positive transition experience for all pupils. This year we have reviewed our transition timetable with the view of supporting our pupils as best as possible. This includes increased transition sessions, assemblies and activities in addition to the time staff individually take to invest building positive relationships with the pupils they will work closely with next year.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss Collins and Mr. Drayton

Friendship Form

Name: _____

Class: _____

You may choose up to five other children in your year group you would like to share a class with next year. You may choose fewer than five should you wish. Staff will use this to help put together class lists for the next academic year. Please remember any names written here is not a guarantee that you will be placed with them next year.

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Please return this form to your class teacher no later than Monday 8th June.