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Dear Parents

It's that time of the year when we inform you of the classes that your children will be moving to. When selecting class teachers for different year groups, many variables are taken into consideration, with the most important being which teacher suits the many different requirements of the individuals within each class. Whilst we are fortunate in the fact that we have a very talented, caring and committed team of staff who would all complement any given class, we still spend a great deal of time matching the rich tapestry of personalities with the teacher who is best suited to the academic, social and pastoral care needs of the class.

We vowed to keep the current Year 5 classes as three forms for this academic year to give the children the best possible preparation for the Kent Test and scholarships with least disruption. We now feel it would benefit their transition to their senior schools to return to two classes of 18 and that a 'shake up' for next year will be beneficial for friendship groups. For some of the subjects we will be continuing to teach the children in three ability groups and from next term on we will be referring to the Year 6 class teachers as form tutors to get the children better prepared for secondary school where they will be registered by a form tutor and have a different specialist teachers for all subjects. After spending this year mentoring David Mackenzie to be a specialist Year 5 teacher, Heather Gibbs will be moving into Year 6.

As in previous years the children from Upper Nursery have had a shuffle and we have allocated them to a class where we feel they will be best suited. The selection has not been made on age or ability, but on where they will be happiest and most comfortable with their social interactions.

A great deal of time and effort has gone into this process and I wouldn't want anyone to feel disappointed. We are totally committed to doing the right thing for every child and ensuring the best possible outcome for each class as a whole. I have every confidence that we will continue to thrive and develop as a school, and I thank you for your continued support and loyalty.

Yours sincerely



Lawrence Groves
Headmaster

Staff	Present Class to >	2018-19 Class
Helen Baughan	RB→	1 Rosenz
Sarah Reynolds	RR→	1 Coombs/Powlter
Mrs Powlter/Coombs	1CP→	2 Latham
Mrs Rosenz	1R→	2 Everton
Bev Latham	2L→	3 Bowyer
Liz Everton	2E→	3 Franklin
Susan Bowyer	3B→	4 Andrews
Angela Franklin	3F→	4 Mellin
Duncan Andrews	4A→	5 Allen
Lisa Mellin	4M→	5 Mackenzie
David Mackenzie Heather Gibbs Yvette Allen	5M, 5G, 5A→	6 Gibbs 6 Woodhead
Nursery→Reception	<u>RB</u>	<u>RR</u>
	Evie Crocker	Amelie Coles
	Cuthbert Hampshire	Frederick Giles
	Flynn Leberl	Sophia Gudge
	Eshan Pal	Henry Maclachlan
	Remi Page	James Payne
	Catherine Payne	Mya Wood
	Summer Smith	