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Dear Year 4 Parents and Carers,

I am writing to share an exciting development for the upcoming academic year. As part of our continued commitment to providing the best opportunities for your children, we will be merging Year 5 and Year 6 into a combined teaching structure next year.

This model is currently very successful in our school and has brought about multiple benefits to the children including having a higher ratio of adults to children in lessons, having more children to work and play with and enabling more cost-effective enrichment experiences for families to contribute towards. With a diverse set of perspectives in group activities, discussions, and projects, your child will experience an enriched learning environment that encourages creativity, critical thinking, and resilience. The merge means that your child will be working with more adults to ensure that their needs are well met. We will continue to use our spare classroom as additional classroom space as appropriate.

At this time, we anticipate that the children will have their Year 6 without a merge due to the class size in your current class and that in current Y3.

We understand that this may be a new concept for some families, and we are committed to working together to ensure a smooth transition. Our Senior Leadership Team are happy to discuss this further in our open forum event this morning (22nd) at 8:45 or in a Y4/5 meeting on Monday 28th at 8:45 where you can learn more about the new structure and ask any questions you may have. We will send out a letter summarising the meetings for those who are unable to attend.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We are confident this change will bring valuable opportunities for your children and look forward to working with you to make next year a resounding success.

Kind regards,

Mrs Jennifer Thornton

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Stay safe, Be Respectful and Always Try Your Best.



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