



ELVINGTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent,

This letter is being sent to all parents in school, although it only concerns parents of children currently in Years 4 and 5.

Every year, in the spring term, I meet with members of the school's senior leadership team, and the governing body to decide upon the organisation of classes in the next academic year. This decision is based upon our anticipated pupil numbers, as supplied by the Local Authority, and the funding we are scheduled to receive per pupil. For the last seven years, we have chosen to maintain a separate Year 6 class. As we have had over 20 children in Year 6 for each of these years, it has been financially possible to organise the classes in this way.

However, it is now clear that in the next academic year (starting in September 2015), we will have only 14 children in Year 6, with 27 children in Year 5; making it obvious that if we keep to our current arrangements, Classes 3 and 4 would be very large, while Class 5 is very small.

We have therefore all agreed that the class structure will change, in order to allow class sizes to be more evenly spread throughout KS2, and ensuring that all the children in KS2 continue to receive the best possible educational experience that we can provide. The table below shows the class sizes when the Year 5 children are split between Class 4 and Class 5.

| Class Three | Class Four | Class Five |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 25 Year 3s | 15 Year 5s | 12 Year 5s |
| 4 Year 4s | 13 Year 4s | 14 Year 6s |
| 29 children | 28 children | 26 children |

As with all our class splits, the children would be organised chronologically, divided according to when in the year their birthday falls.

We realise that a change to school classes can cause some concerns, and therefore we would like to invite all parents of children currently in Years 4 and 5 to a drop-in session with Mrs MacDonald and Miss Richards, to talk through this change in greater detail, and what it means for your child, on a one-to-one basis. This session will be held on Wednesday 22nd April from 3.30pm. On the same day, from 6.15pm, Susan Watson, Chair of Governors, and I will also be available in the school hall to discuss the wider impact of this change with any interested parents.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Jenny Rogers
Headteacher

