



# UPLANDS MANOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

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## Mixing of Year 2 Classes for 2026-2027

As we approach the end of this school year we are in the process of organising classes and staffing ready for September.

Over time there can be various changes to the original classes that the children joined: mobility of pupils in and out of our school meaning a number of 'new' children; identification of special educational and / or emotional wellbeing and mental health needs creating an imbalance across the year group as some classes have more needs than others; changing pastoral or educational needs; changing relationships and dynamics between individuals and groups of children; English language needs. Mixing the classes enables us to put together a good balance of abilities and needs within each class, such that children who share similar strengths or difficulties in particular areas can sometimes work together.

This year, due to the current make-up of the Year 2 classes, we have decided to mix the classes into three new classes for Year 3. This is not streaming or setting the children – classes will remain as mixed ability groupings. We will however remain open to flexible groupings for some lessons just as we do now.

Whenever we have mixed classes in school in the past, it has always been a positive and successful move and as the children are moving into key stage 2, this transition point is a sensible time for us to do this.

What are the benefits for the children?

- ✓ Better resilience in developing friendships in a safe, comfortable environment – having a wider base of friends is always beneficial.
- ✓ The opportunity to work with some different children in class. Lots of the children already have friends in the other classes and have requested the opportunity to work with those friends.
- ✓ Being part of a year group and not just a class.
- ✓ Balancing out of the special educational and behaviour needs across the year group. This will benefit the children with identified needs but also the other children as well.
- ✓ For some children a better match to a working group of similar needs.

Please note: break times and lunchtimes will remain unchanged and the children will be able to interact and play with class mates and other children as they did before.

What happens now?

- The Year 2 teachers have spent time together discussing the children and key information in order to organise the Year 3 classes.
- We will share your child's new class with you with your child's report, before the end of the summer term.

Yours faithfully

Mrs R Keen  
Headteacher

