

Thursday 23 June 2022

Dear reception parents

### **RE. Classes next year**

We decided that due to the impact that COVID-19 has had on children over the past couple of years that the children in reception would benefit from being in smaller classes. The children this year in reception have really benefited from being in smaller classes however we are unfortunately unable to maintain this year on year due to financial reasons.

Therefore the children in Daffodil, Snowdrop, Tulip and Bluebell will be mixed across the year group to form three classes in year 1. The children will then continue to be in the same class until they leave Grange Park.

The reception teachers will be deciding on the three new year 1 classes and will be taking into account many aspects such as girl/boy, friendships, ability etc to ensure that the classes are balanced.

We will also take into account who the children want to be with next year. Therefore please ask your child which four friends they would like to be with in their new year 1 class and complete this [form](#) by **Thursday 30 June** (we cannot accommodate any requests after this date). The class teacher will take your request into account and ensure that your child is with at least one friend next year.

We will do everything we can to ensure there is a smooth transition for the children when they are moving to year 1 including ensuring that the children spend some time with their 'new class' this term. The children in reception all see each other when they are playing outside and get on really well, so I am sure they will all find this transition a smooth one.

I am glad the children had the opportunity to be in the smaller classes this year but I'm also certain that the children will continue to thrive throughout the school in their new classes!

Best wishes

Tijen Hassan  
**Headteacher**