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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to inform parents of the classes across the school for the next academic year, as agreed by the governing body. The structure has been led by many factors, these include the reduction in funds into the school budget, falling numbers of pupil numbers on roll, ability to maintain the capacity for new pupils to join our school, and the need to continually develop the quality of teaching across the school.

In September we will have to reduce from 6 classes to 5 in the school. There will continue to be 2 classes across Reception and KS1. This will mean there will be a mixed-year Reception/Year 1 class and a mixed-year Year 1/Year 2 class. This has now been in place for a couple of year with successful learning and teaching.

From September, there will be 3 classes in KS2. This will see a mixed Year 3 and 4 class (these children were in the mixed Year 1/2 class the previous academic year. The class will be of normal size in a primary classroom with 30 children in the class. By the way in which we will implement this change, we feel that this will be a positive change which will open up the opportunity for new friendships for the pupils. This will give all children the opportunity to work collaboratively and develop socially. There will then be two more classes, one Year 5 and one Year 6 class.

Within the new mixed Year 3 and 4 class, the children will still be taught the learning objectives which have been specified for the core subjects in English and Mathematics. The other subjects within the curriculum are already based on a key phase (two-year groups i.e. Year 1 and 2, 3 and 4, 5 and 6). Therefore, the wider curriculum teaching will not change or be affected. We will also be flexible with the groupings of pupils to ensure they receive the teaching they need and deserve to enable them to meet the national age-related expectations.

We believe we can continue to improve the quality of teaching with a mixed-year classes ensuring all children are working at their age-related expectations. The class will have the benefit of working with experienced teacher Mrs Liz Cannock, the children will be supported by an experienced team of teaching assistants, including Ms Wright and Ms Welsh. With this strong team in place, it will be possible to adapt learning to meet the children's particular needs.

The two biggest factors that influence a child's educational success are, firstly, the amount of support, involvement and aspirations of a child's parents, followed by the quality of the teaching they receive each school day. We are confident that, with our new structure in place, all children at St Peter's Primary will receive the best teaching possible every day. Over the rest of this term, the children in both current classes will have opportunities to start to build those friendships whilst working collaboratively to complete tasks.

As usual, we are more than happy to discuss any queries you may have regarding the class structure for next academic year. We want to work together to ensure every year is the best it can be for your children.

This will be the class structure and staffing for the next academic year.

Class	Class teacher (s)	Teaching assistants
Reception and Year 1	Miss Weronika Bagienska	Miss Catherine Daly
Year 1 and 2	Mrs Megan Bell	Mrs Emma Tucker Mrs Mandy Cole
Year 3 and Year 4	Mrs Liz Cannock	Ms Clare Wright Miss Abi Welsh
Year 5	Mr Paul Truan	Miss Abi Welsh
Year 6	Mr Nic Baykaa-Murray and Miss Sarah McKenzie (then maternity leave cover teacher from October 2024)	Mrs Wendy Lewis

Best wishes



Mr Paul D Smith
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