



# Classes Next Academic Year

At Dulwich Wood Primary School, we are committed to providing the best possible educational experience for every child. As part of our ongoing review of how we organise classes, we will be mixing classes from Reception – Y6 for the upcoming academic year. We want to share with you the reasons behind this decision and how we will support your child through the process.

## Why are we mixing classes?

Mixing classes is a common practice in many primary schools. We have made this decision based on the following key benefits:

- **Balanced Classes:** It allows us to create classes that are balanced in terms of gender, ability, and social groups, ensuring every child has the opportunity to thrive.
- **Social Development:** Mixing classes helps children build new friendships, develop social skills, and become more adaptable. It can also help prevent cliques and promote a more inclusive atmosphere.
- **Supporting Progress:** By carefully considering each child's learning needs and relationships, we can ensure that everyone is placed in an environment that supports their academic and emotional development.
- **Staffing and Class Sizes:** Sometimes changes in pupil numbers or staffing mean we need to adjust class groupings to ensure optimal class sizes and effective teaching.

## How will the process work?

- We will carefully consider each child's friendship groups, learning needs, and any additional support they may require.
- Staff who know the children will be involved in the decision-making process.
- We are communicating these changes to you now, giving you and your child time to prepare.
- Children will meet their new class teacher/s on the morning of **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July**.
- Teachers will plan activities for the transition morning and at the start of term to help children settle into their new classes and form positive relationships.
- Tree names in year groups will remain the same.

## Supporting your child

We understand that change can be challenging. Our staff are experienced in supporting pupils during transitions and will ensure that every child feels safe, welcomed, and valued in their new class. If you have any concerns about your child's transition, please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher. Thank you for your understanding and support as we continue to make Dulwich Wood Primary a welcoming and nurturing place for all our pupils.