

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 3 and 4 pupils,

RE: Parent FAQ about mixed-age classes

Now that you have found out the class teacher that your child will have next year, we wanted to try and answer some of the questions that you may have about Mixed-Age Classes.

Will my child be held back or taught above their level?

No. Teachers use adaptive teaching techniques, as have been used for many years, so that children are taught the specific skills needed for their age and academic level, regardless of the year group they are in. Teachers may also split groups for core subjects like Maths and Composition.

How are subjects like Science, History and Geography planned?

We will operate on a two-year rolling curriculum (e.g. Cycle A and Cycle B). This guarantees that all topics from the National Curriculum are covered over the two years, so children do not miss or repeat content.

Does the Year 4 curriculum affect the Year 3 children?

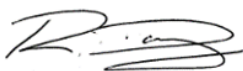
Not negatively. In fact, research shows it broadens vocabulary and helps children develop independent learning skills. Year 3 pupils can benefit from being exposed to slightly more advanced skills from the Year 4 children, acting as a role model.

How were the children chosen for this class?

Class allocations are based on professional judgment from Senior Leaders and the children's class teachers; ensuring a healthy balance of abilities; social dynamics and gender across both year groups so every child can flourish.

Yours sincerely,

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