

# Horn Park School

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## End of Key Stage 1 – Class mixing for September 2023

Dear parents and carers,

As part of our continual drive to seek ways to better support children across the school, we have decided that from this year, our year 2 classes will be mixed as they complete their time in Key Stage 1.

The reasons for mixing classes are based on enabling the children to succeed in all ways: socially, academically and beyond. This is a common goal that we know the whole community shares.

Children learn with and from each other, and giving them the opportunity to work with different class-mates for phases of their time with us in school enables them to benefit from this in varied ways. It also means that they learn to work with a range of people, developing skills in forming relationships in this regard that will stand them in good stead now and in preparation for future schooling, particularly at secondary level.

Furthermore, we know that the best learning takes place in classrooms where there is a real balance of abilities, strengths, needs and characteristics of children and in the relationships between them. Children change as they grow and develop and the balance within classes changes as a result. Mixing classes provides us with an opportunity to optimise this balance to enable the best conditions for learning we can provide.

We also know that children feel secure with particular friends and that this can have an impact on their learning – this will also be taken fully into account, and we will consult with children and parents throughout this whole process. This summer term, Year 2 will be doing some additional PSHE work about friends and friendships to help them make the most of the changes to come.

If you have any questions, thoughts or concerns regarding how the class mix may work for your child, please do not hesitate to speak to the leadership team or the Year 2 teachers. We will be holding an informal drop-in session in Poplars class on Monday at the end of the school day to provide an opportunity for this to happen.

Kind regards,

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Headteacher

Jack Green  
Deputy Head