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Dear Parents and Carers of Birch and Olive Class,

As you will know in September 2021, we moved to vertical grouping across Year 2, 3 and 4, due to changes in pupil numbers and also in response to the pandemic. This has meant that pupils have been grouped differently for different subjects, for example for reading, mathematics and science, pupils have been taught within year groups and we have had mixed groups for writing and other curriculum subjects. Speaking to the pupils, they have really enjoyed having a range of teachers for different subjects and moving learning spaces to work with different peers and staff.

In January, there will be some changes to the structure for Years 2-4. All children in Year 3 will be based in Olive Class as their main class. This will mean that **Birch Class** will become a **Year 2 class** and **Olive Class** will be **Year 3/4**. The only change for the children will be that in the afternoons, children who were originally in Year 3 in Birch Class will now be in Miss Kurban's class. For core curriculum subjects, reading, maths and science, pupils will be taught in their year groups with Miss Kurban, Miss Benazayez, Miss Oner and Miss Rader. For their history and geography lessons, computing, music, Spanish and PE, all the Year 3 and 4 children will be together. We believe strongly that this is in the best interests of the pupils, and they will still have a lot of opportunities to be with their peers and working together.

Thank you for your support in ensuring the best outcomes for your child. If you have any questions, I will be available tomorrow and Friday.

Kind regards,

Daniela Rader

Head of School
