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Dear Parents/Carers of Children in Reception and Year 1.

As you know our admission number into Reception is 45, which means we are classed as a '1 ½ form' entry school. The number is fixed and based on our floor and classroom space. Over the last 6 years we have achieved our maximum number of 45 which has resulted in split age classes in school; there is currently a Year 2/3 and Year 4/5 split which remain classes throughout school.

The plan for next year is to mix the children in Reception and Year 1 into three classes of 30. There will be a Year 1 class, a Year 1/2 and a Year 2. As governors we always split the classes based on age meaning the youngest Year 1 children are in the Year 1 class, the oldest 15 Year 1 and youngest 15 Year 2 children are in the split class and the 30 oldest Year 2 are in the Year 2 class. In addition we are also mindful of gender and friendships and educational need where appropriate.

I understand this may cause some questions and further explanation so this term we will hold some drop in sessions to discuss the logistics and take questions. These will take place on Tuesday 17th May at 3.30pm and Thursday 19th May at 5pm. Before then though I would like to reassure you that here at St Hugh's all the classes are closely monitored resulting in a successful education for all the children in school. All classes have varying needs of ability and we always teach to ability and not age, even in the straight classes. School based research has shown no differences in scores or progress in the split classes. Finally on a personal note, my son is in the split Year 4/5 at present and I have no concerns whatsoever.

Yours sincerely

M Mountcastle

