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Head Teacher: Mr M. Mountcastle

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 8 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.

This will continue next year and the children in Reception and Year 1 will be put together 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 next week we will hold some drop in sessions to discuss the logistics and take questions. These will take place on Tuesday 12th July at 5.15pm and Thursday 14th July at 3.15pm.

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 and final SATs data has shown no differences in scores or progress in the split classes. Finally on a personal note, my own son was in a split class here and I had no issues or concerns whatsoever.

Yours sincerely

M Mountcastle