

Stoberry Park School



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Dear Parents,

It seems only yesterday when we put the children into their classes for this year and almost in the blink of an eye we are round to setting up our new classes for next year.

Once again, we have spent many hours trying to accommodate the many different factors when setting up classes for the new academic year.

Children right across the school were given the opportunity to tell us about their friendships and the staff has spent many hours trying to build very complicated jigsaws to form next year's classes. We have taken into account friendships, numbers of children in different year groups, numbers of boys and girls, the spread of ability, an understanding that some children should not be placed together and the needs of those children requiring additional support.

We now believe we have completed the task in the best way we can.

As in the last three years we will be unable to consider class changes due to the fact that the school is so full and we have no room in our class groups to make moves. Additionally, as we have used friendship groups suggested by the children, where ever possible, we would inevitably find that by moving a single child a domino effect would follow and our hard work would be destroyed. For these reasons we will not make any change class groupings.

We understand that this is a worrying time of year for children and parents but hope that you can see that fitting 320 children into 11 classes leaves little and no room for changes.

I hope that your child will enjoy a short visit to their new classroom on Wednesday when we hope our new members of staff, Mr James Ramsey and Mrs Melissa Hawkins will be able to join us. We will also be welcoming Miss Jenny Wareham back from maternity leave as she will be rejoining our Year 3/4 team.

Yours Sincerely

Michael Hawkins
Head Teacher.

