



Orchard Primary and Nursery School

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Dear Parents

I am aware that many of you and your children will be starting to think about which classes the children will be in from September.

As you will be aware, classes at Orchard are usually set on academic ability and that as each cohort (year group) has 45 children, we have some mixed classes across school.

This year, I would like to start to create classes, which take in to account other criteria in addition to academic achievement: these being friendships, gender, behaviour, additional needs and birth month.

If the children had been at school, we would have been talking to them about who they would like to be with, if at all possible, next year. Obviously, we cannot do this, so I am asking each child to choose a maximum of 4 children from their cohort, who they would like to be with in class next year. To do this please follow this link

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=6A6dQ7CKkUSO9ltdvUrhyxPDfraR2gJOqHZbX8vRhwpUQUaVzJXQVpQR1BKMTNOWk9SMFVRM1U1RC4u>

and fill in the form provided by Friday 26th June.

We will then try our best to ensure that each child is with at least one of their choices. (We will try to match with one of these children, not necessarily in the order given so please ensure that your child would be happy with any of their choices).

If this information is not provided by this date, your child's present teacher will make the choice on their behalf.

This is a new venture for Orchard in a step towards creating classes which are not purely based on levels of attainment but take on a more holistic approach, something which I feel strongly about and something which I also have based on feedback from parents over the years about our class structure.

Finally, as we are still unaware what school will look like in September, please be assured that we are working on providing a transition package which will support every child and reduce anxieties around coming back to school after a period of uncertainty.

Many thanks for your continued support.

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