



Dobcroft Junior School

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Class Mixing

Dear Parents of children in Year 4

We will be reorganising the Year 4 classes for September 2026. The expectation is that children will stay in these new classes for their remaining time at Dobcroft Junior School.

We are doing this to help children build confidence by having the opportunity to mix with a different group of children. This opens up the possibility of widening friendship groups whilst acquiring the social skills of forging new relationships. It also gives some space between groups of children, allowing for a broader learning experience and the chance for new groups to flourish.

Please discuss this change in a positive light with your child, encouraging them to look upon it as an opportunity to gain new friendships. We ask you and your child **to identify 3 children** with whom they would feel comfortable moving. **It is important that you have 3 choices** as this increases the chance of them being placed with a preferred pupil. The order of the pupils will not be considered so please don't worry about the order in which they are written. It is important to consider not only strength of friendship but also ability to work well in the same classroom. *If 3 choices are not provided we cannot guarantee that 1 of the other 2 choices is met.*

The process of placing the year group into 3 new classes while considering friendships, educational needs and work habits is very complex and because of this we cannot guarantee placing children with named friends. **Every attempt will be made to transfer at least one of these named children with your child.** If it is proving difficult, staff will discuss the transfer with you before finalising lists.

Whilst we do not wish to complicate matters by inviting negative preferences, if you have a particularly strong feeling that you do not wish your child to be placed with another, then you may **write to me (Mrs Sexton) in confidence** by **Friday 19th June** with your request – headteacher@dobcroft-jun.sheffield.sch.uk. We will consider your wishes but cannot guarantee to accommodate requests.

During the Autumn term of Year 5 the early weeks will focus on all children getting to know each other, their new teacher and the new class in order to re-establish and affirm a settled and caring community.

Please rest assured that every placement is carefully thought about and the best interest of all children's education is the primary deciding factor.

Please complete the Google form below NO LATER THAN Friday 19th May

<https://forms.gle/15p8pgW84EGcxhho9>

Yours sincerely

Nicola Sexton
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