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Dear Year 2 Parents,

This week your children attended Kingsway Junior School in the class groups they will be taught in from September. Transition to Year 3 has traditionally been a time when classes have been mixed based on gender, numbers and birthdays. This has often been a surprise for the children on their first day at the juniors!

This year rather than leaving it to junior staff who do not know the children, Mrs Martin the interim Headteacher and Ms Beale, the new Headteacher asked our class teachers to really look at friendships and relationships to try to make sure everyone is going to benefit from the new arrangements. We have already been teaching them as mixed classes for different subjects over the last two terms so we now have a really good idea who gets on with who in both classes.

This week Ms Beale has spent a whole morning in Year 2 observing the children. She brought both new Year 3 teachers with her and they spent time in both classes talking to teachers and children. When the children visited their new classrooms yesterday in their potential class groups this gave us all a chance to see in greater detail what they actually look like in classes. Their current teachers spoke to them when they returned and found children were positive and excited. We plan to have further sessions with children in their prospective classes to make sure we have got it right.

I am really grateful to the Junior School leaders and teachers for allowing us this high level of involvement this year. The detail that has gone into getting this right for your children is unprecedented and I am sure this heralds a closer and improved way of working across the two schools.

We wish them all the very best as they move on and hope they continue to 'reach for the stars!'

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