

Headteacher: Mr D B Jones
Deputy Head: Mr S P Salmond
Business Manager: Mrs S E Sivyour



Telephone: 02392734787

St Ronan's Road, Southsea, Hants PO4 0PX
Email: admin@craneswater.portsmouth.sch.uk
www.craneswater.portsmouth.sch.uk

Dear Parents and carers,

I am writing to inform you of how we will be organising our classes from September. For some time, our practice has been to only mix children between classes as they transition from Year 4 to Year 5. However, following careful consideration and in line with our commitment to providing the best possible educational experience for all our pupils, we have decided to move to a model where children will be placed in new class groups at the beginning of each academic year, from Year 3 through to Year 6.

This means that your child will have the opportunity to learn and grow within a new class environment and alongside a different group of peers and often a new teacher each year. We understand that change can sometimes raise questions, and we wanted to take this opportunity to explain the many benefits we believe this new approach will bring to your children's development.

Firstly, this annual reorganisation will foster enhanced social skills and adaptability. By interacting with a wider circle of classmates each year, children will learn to build relationships with different personalities, develop stronger communication skills, and become more resilient and adaptable to new situations. This is a crucial life skill that extends far beyond the classroom.

Furthermore, this approach supports stronger peer relationships across the year groups. By regularly mixing classes, children will have more opportunities to form friendships with a wider range of pupils within their year group, strengthening the sense of community and collaboration across the entire junior school. In addition, this broadening of the children's friendship group should also help children in their transition to secondary school as they will have a wider group of familiar faces.

Finally, it allows us to create balanced class groups each year, taking into account a variety of factors such as learning styles, friendships, and individual needs. This careful consideration ensures that each child is placed in an environment where they can thrive academically and socially.

We understand that your children's well-being is paramount, and we will be implementing this change thoughtfully and with sensitivity. Our teachers will work closely together to ensure a smooth transition for all pupils, and we will provide support to any child who may need it. We will also be talking to the children in school to prepare them for this change and highlight the exciting opportunities it presents.

We believe that this move to annual class mixing, which is an approach children are used to from their infant schools, will create a more dynamic, inclusive, and enriching learning environment for all our children. We are confident that the benefits outlined above will contribute significantly to their personal, social, and academic growth.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring the best possible education for our pupils.
Kind regards,

Mr D Jones