

Waterhouses CE Primary Academy

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Dear Parent and Carers

It feels very strange to be communicating our class arrangements for September in this way without being able to talk to you or the children in person about it.

Ordinarily, children would have been spending time with their new teacher and classmates during the final few weeks of term, however, as we all know this has not been possible.

As many of you will know, our Penguins class has been very large this year with 35 children, and our White Tigers class was tiny by comparison, with only 12 children.

As a school our primary concern is keeping our pupils as safe as we possibly can, and considering the circumstances we currently find ourselves in, we have taken the decision to make the two classes in Key Stage 2 a similar size. This will allow us to have two relatively small classes with 22 children in each. We will still be able to maintain our current staffing levels, meaning that there will always be 2 teaching assistants supporting the class teachers in Key Stage 2.

Staff have been working to ensure that the curriculum that all the children in Year 4 will receive is appropriate and will meet their needs.

As a school we have given this a great deal of thought, and we believe that we will be able to provide the best educational offering to all our children in the safest possible way.

September 2020 class structure is as follows:

Class name	Year groups	Number of pupils	Teacher
Ladybirds	Nursery and Reception	21	Mrs Hulme
Otters	Year 1 and 2	27	Mrs Cooper
Penguins	Year 3 and 4	22	Mr Dodson
White Tigers	Year 4, 5 and 6	22	Mrs Lafford

If your child is moving into Year 4 in September, their report will contain the class that they will be in.

When government guidance allows, we will build into the curriculum frequent opportunities for the children to learn and socialise together across Key Stage 2.

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Again, we thank you for your continued support and understanding during these unprecedented times. Further information will be sent out to you next week regarding the procedures, for when hopefully, all children will be returning to school from September.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D Wood". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the "Yours sincerely" text.

David Wood
Headteacher