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## Dear Parents/Carers

As you know, at Mortimer, the welfare of our children is paramount. In the current challenging situation, we have to make important decisions to benefit children and parents as a whole. We cannot predict when school will return to a normal state and at present we do not know what the landscape of September will look like.

At this time of year, we would normally be looking to 'mix' our Year 2 classes for their transition into Year 3. We have decided, for this cohort, to retain the current class groupings.

This decision reflects the children's lengthy absence from school and allows the established friendships to support their mental and emotional wellbeing on their return. The impact of the current situation also prevents us from holding a transition meeting for parents. Therefore, after much thought and consideration, we believe keeping children together in their present classes would be the most appropriate option.

We believe this is in the best interest for all during this unprecedented time, whilst allowing some form of 'normal' to be awaiting pupils on their return. Where appropriate, necessary changes will be considered for educational benefits in the future.

The Year 2 into Year 3 Transition meetings will be held during the autumn term.

We hope this has addressed any concerns you may have had and reassured you of our next steps. Thank you for your continuing support, as we work through this together.

Yours sincerely

Mrs G. Cunningham Head Teacher