

# Edward Peake C of E (VC) Middle School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

With the end of the school year fast approaching, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support over the past academic year.

As pupils move up a year, we have decided to change the composition of all classes. This is necessary this year in particular due to the transition in the Biggleswade cluster to a two-tier system and therefore numbers in each group are fluctuating more than they usually would.

Due to this, we would have an imbalance of pupils in each class in relation to numbers, gender and special educational needs if they remained in the same groupings. We have decided to completely reshuffle all the pupils to guarantee a much more balanced set of classes, this also means pupils get the opportunity to form new friendships and work with different pupils in our school community.

We are very conscious of the natural nervousness of a few children and parents in this annual process of transition, but I would personally like to assure you that a great deal of time and effort has gone into the preparation and planning of the classes and their staffing, as well as the actual 'Transition Day' itself. Whilst some pupils may find this change difficult, we ask that pupils and parents treat this with an open mind and give it time to allow the classes to settle and new friendships to form. We will support any pupils who may find this change daunting and help them to settle into their new class.

Therefore, I politely request that you respect our professional decision making. Naturally, should you have any on-going concerns over time, please contact your child's form tutor to discuss these.

We are confident that your child will feel part of their new team in no time at all! Pupils will meet their new form tutors and classmates on Transition Day (Thursday 11 July) which will also consist of a host of team building activities to help pupils settle into their new environments.

Please also be aware that as students enter key stage 3 they spend less time together as a form class than previous years, pupils are regrouped for creativity lessons (encompassing design technology, drama, dance, art and music) and also grouped for English and Maths lessons.

We hope that pupils are looking forward to meeting their new form teacher.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Z Linington', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Miss Z J Linington  
Headteacher

