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Dear Parents and children,

We have now reached that time of year when children and parents begin to think about class arrangements for the next academic year. This discussion has also been a focus for staff as we try to meet the needs of all of our children. As a small school, we have to review our class organisation every year. This year, staff have considered a number of options. We have taken into account many factors including learning groups, gender balance between the classes, friendship groups and also try to equalize the number of children in each class. As a result, we have decided on the best option for the next academic year and classes will be arranged as follows: -

Robins	Year R and Year 1	Mrs Underwood
Chaffinches	Year 2 and Year 3	Mrs Reynolds
Woodpeckers	Year 4 and Year 5	Mrs Adams
Owls	Year 5 and Year 6	Mrs Groves & Mrs Lamont

With this arrangement, all classes will sit between 19 to 24 pupils. Class sizes may change if the school receives any additional applications throughout the next few months. To support Owls and Woodpeckers classes, I intend to continue to teach maths to the Year 5s. It is a time each day that I look forward too.

As I said last year, the way that we organise teaching and learning at Urchfont means that it is tailored to the needs and current achievement levels of individual pupils. Teachers are experienced at planning and delivering work to match the needs of mixed age learning. They provide challenge and support for all children, whichever year group they are in. Teachers will ensure that each year group will be taught the expectations from the National Curriculum. However, each class will choose different topic themes and experiences throughout the year.

We do appreciate that some parents and children may have been hoping for a different arrangement. However, as a small school, we hope you understand that changes to class structure are inevitable and does provide new opportunities for children to work within different groups. We ask you to trust us to make the very best decision for your child, as every child is important and will make sure that we do the very best for each one.

Sincerely,

Mrs CE Talbot
(Head Teacher)

