

# Knowsley Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you of a change to our Year 6 class arrangements.

As you will be aware, we have experienced a significant amount of staff illness recently, which has led to unavoidable disruption across our three Year 6 classes. Our priority is always to provide the children with consistency, stability and high-quality teaching - particularly at this important stage of the year as they prepare for their SATs assessments.

To ensure continuity and the best possible preparation for the children, we have made the decision to restructure the three classes into two groups. These classes will be led by Mrs Stewardson and Mrs Oliver, with additional support from Mrs Jackson and some of our most experienced teaching assistants, all of whom know the children well and are fully familiar with the Year 6 curriculum and assessment requirements. This approach will provide greater consistency in teaching, clearer routines and focused preparation for the upcoming tests.

When we return to a full complement of teaching staff, Mr Potts will work alongside the Year 6 team to provide targeted support, further teaching input and focused preparation sessions to strengthen the children's confidence and readiness for their SATs, and their transition to secondary school.

Please be assured that this decision has been made carefully and with the children's best interests at heart. We are confident that this arrangement will provide the stability and high-quality provision they need at this crucial point in the academic year.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'E Aldred'.

Miss E Aldred  
Head of School