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Mr G Stanley, Headteacher

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Dear Year 3 Parents and Carers,

After much thought and discussion, we have decided to mix up and redistribute both Year 3 classes into two new cohorts. They will stay in their current class groups until the end of Year 3. We have talked to the children today and explained what we are going to be do before September.

Whilst we very much appreciate that this may initially cause some anxiety and concern amongst both children and parents, we are confident that this process will provide opportunities for your child to create wider friendship groups across their year group and encourage them to develop their powers of resilience and cooperation as they begin to work alongside some different children.

These are the reasons why we have made this decision:

- It will be beneficial to have two mixed age range classes, rather than the existing 'younger' and 'older' class
- It will offer wider learning opportunities for children and give them the chance to learn and cooperate with different groups
- It will provide an opportunity for new friendships to be created. We would love to see children becoming friends with more children across their year group
- It will give us the opportunity to target support and intervention in a more effective way
- They will experience forming new working relationships in readiness for their move up to secondary school

We would appreciate your input into the reshuffling process. Throughout their time at Goldfield and during this academic year, the children have changed talk partners on a regular basis and this good practice has allowed your child to form many different working relationships. With this in mind, please discuss the names of three children that your child works well with in the classroom. This is not always the same as your child's best friends. We will endeavour to ensure that your child is in the same class as at least one of the names you put forward.

Please also inform us of any other issues that you feel should be taken into consideration during the sorting process.

Please can these forms be filled in and returned by Friday 8th June. We trust that you will fill in the forms with sensitivity. The information you provide will be treated confidentially so please return your form in a sealed envelope marked 'Year 3-4 Transition'.

We will confirm the new groupings during the second half of the Summer term, ready for September 2018 when they begin Year 4.

Please be reassured that we know your children very well and we will take into account each child's different learning styles, social skills and emotional wellbeing when redistributing the classes. We ask that you trust us to make a decision that is in the best interests of your child.

Thank you for your support in this important matter,

Mr Stanley, Mrs Birley and Mrs Ing



Year 3 – 4 class redistribution

Name of Child

Year 3 Class (3B or 3I)

Names of children our child works well with:

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

Any other issues you want us to consider: