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Dear Parents/Carers of Children in Reception and Nursery.

As you know our admission number into Reception is 45, which means we are classed as a '1 ½ form' entry school. The number is fixed and based on our floor and classroom space. Over the last 5 years we have achieved our maximum number of 45 which has resulted in split age classes in school; there is currently a Year 1/2 and Year 3/4 split which remain classes throughout school.

The plan for next year is to have two small Reception classes and two small Year 1 classes. The Reception classes at present will move up as the same class and the Nursery and new intake will be divided into two classes of 23 and 22 respectively. Nursery parents will be advised of classes next week.

The following year, 2016/17 the children will be split into a full Year 1, a Year 1/2 split and a Year 2. These classes will then remain throughout school. The Governors set the split entirely on age, meaning that the youngest Year 1 children are in the Year 1 class, the oldest 15 Year 1 and youngest 15 Year 2 children are in the split class and the 30 oldest Year 2 are in the Year 2 class.

I understand this may cause some questions and further explanation so next year we will have some drop in sessions and meetings to discuss this further. Before then though I would like to reassure you that here at St Hugh's all the classes are closely monitored resulting in a successful education for all the children in school. School based research has shown no differences in scores or progress in the split classes. Finally on a personal note, my son is in the split Year 3/4 at present and I have no concerns whatsoever.

If you would like to discuss this further before next year and the planned meetings please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely

M Mountcastle

