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Dear Year 6 parents/guardians,

I trust you and your family have settled well into the new term. You will have been made aware by your child's teacher in the recent Parent/Teacher Consultation, the Summer Term of Year 6 is a busy time in school academically as the teachers try to ensure the pupils are ready for Year 7. It is also a time when you will be giving serious consideration as to where you would like your son/daughter to progress to for their secondary education. For many of you, this will be an easy decision as you know and trust the stellar reputation of Dromore High, both academically and pastorally. For others, you may wish your child to experience secondary education outside of Dromore or to try for a place in one of the local grammar schools; all having excellent reputations. Our aim, as a school, is to continue to support your child as they progress towards transitioning in the summer of 2025.

Building on the success of the past 4 years, it is our intention to re-organise the P6 classes into new groupings for their P7 year. We believe this is the best way to ensure each individual child is supported and enabled to reach their potential.

As is our practice, we plan to rearrange the Year 6 classes from August 2024. We have many positive reasons for doing this, including:

- Opportunities to make new friendships;
- Enable teachers to give intensive Numeracy and Literacy teaching at a level which suits your child's current ability and understanding;
- Ensure children are taught in groups where there is less variance in ability;
- Individual pupils can receive more dedicated 1:1 teacher time when necessary;
- Makes it easier to establish new friendships when they transition in Year 8.

In order for us to achieve these targets for your child, the children will be regrouped using the data collated throughout their school years (ie PTE, PTM, CAT4, & NGRT) along with professional judgement. Unfortunately, we will not be in a position to take established friendship groups into account. We would, however, reassure you that we will continue to encourage your child to mix with new and existing friendships during break, lunch, school trips, residential etc.

We hope by informing you of this decision, discussed with and endorsed by the Board of Governors, you will help us by preparing your child for this restructuring of the classes. Please speak to your son/daughter about the planned changes positively; as something to be excited about and embraced.

Both you and your child will be informed of their Year 7 class teacher in June.

Yours sincerely,

*H M Bentley*