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**Dear Parents and Guardians,**

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to inform you of an important change for the upcoming academic year at Meon Infant School. Due to a combination of falling birth rates and the subsequent financial pressures that entails we are needing to review how our classes are structured for 2025-2026.

Over recent years, we have seen a noticeable decline in pupil numbers entering Reception, a trend reflected across many schools in our area. At the same time, schools are facing increasing financial challenges, with funding closely tied to pupil numbers. In order to continue providing a high-quality education while making the best use of our resources, we have made the decision that we will need to have 5 classes in September; two Year 2 classes, one Year 1 class, one mixed year 1/R class and one year R class.

This structure allows us to maintain financially viable class sizes to ensure that all pupils receive the attention and support they need. For our mixed class, the teaching staff are well-equipped to deliver a curriculum that meets the developmental needs of both age groups, with differentiated activities and learning goals tailored to each child. We also recognise that some children would benefit from another year of play based provision (continuous provision) whilst still being taught a blended Year 1 curriculum and a mixed class can offer this.

We wanted to make all members of the school community aware of this change even if this does not affect your child. For our current year R parents, we will be providing further information once class lists have been finalised

Thank you for your continued support and understanding as we adapt to these changes. Our priority remains the well-being and progress of every child, and we are confident that this new structure will continue to provide a nurturing and effective learning environment.

Warm regards,

Ruth Vonk  
Head of School



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