





16th March 2021

Dear parents/ carers,

I am writing to inform you of some changes that will take place in Key Stage 2 after the Easter holidays.

You will be aware that there is a proposal to close Hillside Academy at the end of this school year. As a result of this we have 25 Hillside pupils joining us at Castle Academy at the start of the summer term (April 12th.) This substantial increase in numbers is extremely positive for the school and enables me to revert back to year group classes for the summer term. Whilst there will be changes for some children I believe that by reorganising our classes the new structure will enable us to more effectively continue our catch up programme.

We will therefore be creating a Year 4 class who will be based in our previous Spanish/Music room. We are in the process of appointing a teacher and I will write again to inform you when this process is complete. The children will meet their new teacher before the Easter holidays and he/she will be working with us before the holidays to ensure a smooth transition.

Below you can see the class organisation we will have.

Class	Remain in class.	Change of class.
Jaguars Class	All Year 3 to remain in the class with Mr Smith and Mrs Wilkinson.	All Year 4 children will move into our new Year 4 class with a new teacher (to be appointed) and Mrs Hudspeth.
Cougars Class	All Year 5 to remain in the class with Mrs Underwood and Mrs Elsom.	All Year 4 children will move into our new Year 4 class with a new teacher (to be appointed) and Mrs Hudspeth.
Pumas Class	No change for either Year 5 or Year 6 children.	

I anticipate that this will be a positive change for the school however please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or concerns about this.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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