



Venerable Bede Church of England Academy Dayspring Trust



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Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope your child has settled into school life at Venerable Bede and is enjoying the start of their secondary education.

For the first half term, Year 7 pupils have been taught in mixed ability classes to enable teachers to get to know them and to assess their ability. We wrote to you a little while ago to inform you of the Cognitive Abilities Tests (CATs) which your child was about to undertake, and our intention to use the information they provide, along with all the other information we already have about your child, to make new teaching classes after October half term, based on your child's ability. We have now finalised these groupings using this information. Your child will receive their new timetable, with details of their new teaching groups, during registration on the first day back after October half term – Monday 1st November.

New teaching sets will not affect current form classes – your child will remain with their current tutor group for registration each morning and also during Personal Development lessons.

We believe that grouping pupils based on their abilities will be beneficial for them in the long run, as it means that they will be working at a similar level to everyone else in their class and that the work will be accessible and suitably challenging for all pupils. By doing so, this gives pupils the best possible chance to make as much progress as possible during their time at Venerable Bede. Class groupings are reviewed regularly and you will be informed of any adjustments we feel should be made.

Should you have any questions regarding the process of these changes, please speak to Mrs Willetts, your child's head of year, in the first instance.

We do appreciate your continued support as we work together to enable your child to make the progress of which they are capable.

Yours faithfully,

Mr D Airey
Headteacher

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Deputy Headteacher

