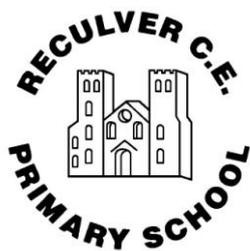


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Dear Parents/Carers,

Rumour busting 2

## New classes

I am writing to correct a misconception which is being banded about out there at the school gate regarding the ability levels in classes, particularly the split class.

It is being suggested that classes are put together as ability based classes (for instance Miss Askham's class is the high ability Year 2 children, Mr. Farrant's class are the mid ability children and the Year 2 children in Miss Wood's split class are the low ability children).

This is absolute rubbish! With every class throughout the school, groups are balanced very carefully so that they are mixed classes, taking into account gender, ability, additional educational needs, physical needs, friendship groups and the relationships with the adults in the class.

The staff take a great deal of time to get these choices right to ensure that the children have the best possible opportunities the following year.

People who are speaking out of turn and spreading these misconceptions are contributing to children feeling unhappy and unsettled. I have been speaking to parents and children who believe that they or their children have been put in the 'stupid' class. This is unfair, insensitive and wrong.

I would ask that all parents who hear these statements to let me know who is spreading them so that they can be spoken to and corrected.

## Mr Hillier

It has also been said that Mr. Hillier was sacked. This is not the case. He left because he was on a temporary supply contract and that ended when Mrs. Papageorghiou was taken on permanently. We were able to take her on earlier to provide an effective transition from Middle to Upper School (which is working well). Once again, misconceptions like this can damage reputations and I urge people not to spread unsubstantiated rumours.

Yours sincerely,

Jon Fox – Head Teacher

