

Dear Parent

MATHS SETTING

I thought it would be helpful to give parents an update on this now that the sets have been in place since the start of term. The reaction has been very positive from parents and on the whole from children too. However, there are some misconceptions that have arisen and I would like to correct these.

Please note;

- There are four parallel sets and one fast track set at present.
- The core work covered in all five sets is the same and is designed to lay secure foundations for the transition to Senior 1 and build confidence in the subject for all.
- The fast track set may look at this work from a different perspective/angle to encourage challenge. In other sets, if it is clear that children need to be stretched/extended, this challenge will be provided with appropriate material for the children concerned.
- There will be an opportunity for movement between the parallel and the fast track sets if the assessment results and the day to day effort and attainment results demonstrate a child needs further extension and challenge.

It is interesting to note that several children have commented to teachers that they are really enjoying working at a pace where they feel comfortable and where they can keep up with those around them. They said that as a consequence they felt more confident and positive about Maths. This is exactly what we wished to achieve and why this new approach which is designed with your children's best interests at heart, is so helpful.

Yours sincerely

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