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Dear Yr 6 Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to welcoming your children back to Avanti Hall School for their final year of the primary phase of learning. Our learning journey will support their academic growth, their character formation and spiritual insight to enable each and every individual to grow in confidence over the course of the year, preparing them for the journey into key stage 3 and beyond.

I wanted to take this opportunity to clarify some elements of the transition for the pupils as they enter Year 6. Throughout last year, some classes in the primary phase were taught in mixed year group classes. This is common in small schools, and last year your children were taught with another class who were the year below. This created a combined group called Class 3 and 4. The Steiner naming of the classes can cause confusion, as they are one year lower than the mainstream year groups. So last academic year, class 3 were actually Year 4 in age and class 4 were year 5. These classes have now been split into chronological age and will move into their correct year group for academic year 2020/2021. Class 4, who were Year 5 last year will move to become Avanti Hall's Year 6 pupils for this academic year. No child has been moved up, out of chronological age.

We understand that there is concern that some children will have missed elements of the national curriculum due the previous Steiner model. This we fully appreciate, and in our support for the children and for you as parents, we will remain realistic about the journey that each child is on and will not put undue pressure on children. We are fortunate that this class is small, with only 14 children in it, and we have been able to secure teachers that have experience in teaching the national curriculum, particularly at Year 6 level, and have the skills to support the holistic journey throughout each part of the next year.

I am keen to work with you as a parent group over the short, medium and long term to ensure that your children are well supported and that over time we can fill the gaps in knowledge to support their advancement to Key Stage 3, 4 and 5.

Kind regards,

Phil Arnold
Principal

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