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Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2016,

Dear Year 3 parents,

At the beginning of the week, I wrote to you to inform you about a wonderful opportunity that the PTFA had agreed to fund. Last Year, we applied for 2 classes to receive music tuition and our application was successful. We had hoped that this could be enjoyed by Class 4 and 5. In the meantime, Class 3 went from being a Year 4 class to a Year 3/4 class. After a lot of discussion, we decided that it was best to offer the music to the greatest number of children and so continued with our plan to offer it to Class 3 and Class 4. We arranged additional swimming for the children in Class 2 Year 3 so that they could also enjoy an additional activity and hoped that this would be accepted.

Unfortunately, several parents have expressed concerns with this situation because it is deemed by some to be unfair. Whilst we have done our very very best to make sure it is as fair as possible (by offering swimming to those in Class 2), we also understand why some parents feel this way, especially as there has been so much change recently. Unfortunately, offering music to the whole of year 3 is simply not an option so unfortunately, I have made the difficult decision to limit the music lessons to Year 5/6 and to Year 4. Year 3 will be able to work together during the time that has been planned for music and we will now be able to invite all Year 3 children to take part in swimming lessons on a Thursday morning.

I appreciate that this will cause disappointment for the children who were looking forward to learning an instrument, but in the interests of treating both Year 3 groups fairly, we are faced with no other option. I sincerely hope that as parents, you understand that this is a difficult predicament and we have chosen what we believe to be the most inclusive option for our children.

Best wishes,

Miss T. McNamara  
Headteacher