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Dear Parents of Hedgehogs Class,

I have some exciting news to share with you.

Over the past year we have had an increase in interest for places at our school due to families moving into the area for the final phase of the St Luke's Park development. As a result, our Academy Trust have taken the decision to split our current year 2/3 class into separate year group classes as of September 2024.

We are in the process of recruiting a lead teacher for our Key Stage Two (junior) provision and will be appointing another class teacher in due course so that next year we will have separate year 3 and year 4 classes working upstairs.

There are several benefits to splitting the class at this stage:

- We will attract more families to our school increasing the opportunities for new friendships and the development of our school community.
- Both classes will take time to fill, meaning that initially there will be smaller class sizes as the children get used to this new arrangement.
- There can be a greater focus on year-group specific curriculum delivery for each year group as they move through Key Stage Two.
- We will more quickly expand our staff team, leading to improved opportunities for school development and the introduction of staff-led clubs.

I know that there are some very close friendships within Hedgehogs class and that some children may be disappointed to learn that they will be in a different class to some of their friends in September. Please be assured that the children will continue to have lots of opportunities to work and play together as they become the first two classes based in the upstairs section of our beautiful school.

I will be very happy to answer any questions that you may have about the arrangements for September. Please get in touch via the admin email address: admin@stlukespark.essex.sch.uk and I will get back to you.

Yours Sincerely,

Ms J. Kendall-Hobbs

Headteacher

