



## Sharmans Cross Junior School

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### **Maths Groups**

Dear Parents,

As you may be aware, your child might have changed Maths group recently. The reason for this is because we have changed the way we group children for Maths. We no longer have ability sets, but instead children have been split into 2 mixed ability classes and one higher ability class. This is a whole school initiative to continue to provide all children with the opportunity to achieve as much as they can in their mathematics education. Mixing the children in this way is based on up to date research, showing that mixed ability Maths lessons produce the greatest progress. Sharmans Cross is not the only school to be doing this; a number of other schools in Solihull are teaching Maths in this way too.

If your child has a new maths teacher, (or has stayed with their existing teacher) they have not moved up or down a set, they have just been mixed up to ensure that each class has an equal spread of children with differing mathematical abilities.

It is our aim and duty to ensure that we are providing the best mathematical education for our pupils, so every teacher in school will be providing appropriate and challenging work for your child to ensure that they can be the best they can possibly be.

As this is a new initiative, I will be monitoring how this works in our school closely.

Kind regards

Zoe Jefferies  
(Maths Subject Leader)