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**Dear Parent/Carer,**

You will be aware that last year students were taught in 3 ability groups to allow teachers to use mixed ability teaching strategies. This year students have been moved into smaller sets so that they can work alongside other students who are of similar ability. All classes are taught the same material but the setting process allows the teacher to focus more on the needs of individuals within the group. This is a proven process within the school and teaching classes of similar ability is one of the main reasons why all the students at St Hilda's are so successful at GCSE. Increasing the number of sets is an investment we believe will allow all of our students to achieve their best.

When your son/daughter returned in September you may notice that they have been placed into a group with a different number from 1 to 7 instead of 1, 2, 3. All classes will complete similar material but the setting process allows the teacher to focus more on the needs of individuals within the group and allows us to keep numbers lower within the groups. We are supporting our students through the coming months with a recovery curriculum, which is a gentle approach after almost 6 months out of school.

We will be reviewing the setting at the end of the first term and will move students into more appropriate groups where necessary to ensure that their individual needs are met. The current set may not be their set for the whole year.

Please reassure them that they will be placed in a group to support them making the best possible progress, but this will be under constant review.

Kind regards,

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