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Dear Parents and Carers,

Further to my letter earlier in the term I am delighted to inform you that we will once again be taking Nursery children from September. Our provision will run from 3 year olds to 11 year olds. As pre-mentioned this is to grow school numbers and encourage more families in to our wonderful school. As with all small schools with very low numbers, mixed age ranges are common place and these can vary from year to year. For the last few years we have had three year groups in one class at either end of the school. Our Pupil Admissions Number is 10 per year group and our overall aim is to build up to being a four class school so we will only have 2 year groups mixed in each class.

### **For the academic year of 2021-2022 the classes and sizes will be as follows**

**Owls:** Nursery, Reception and Year One    **total: 14 (with space for 10 nursery children)**

**Skylarks:** Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4    **total: 18**

**Kestrels:** Year 5 and year 6    **total: 18**

As you can see all our class sizes are still very small. Mixed year groups are nothing new to us and our teachers are incredibly skilled at planning and teaching them. There will only be an additional 5 Year two pupils going in to Skylarks meaning the number of children is still very low. All classes have a huge ability range in them, even those with pure year groups, we will always ensure that children are challenged and supported wherever needed to ensure the best outcomes for them.

We will be advertising the opening of our Nursery for 3 year olds and up over the next few months and hope to begin to grow. For those of you who have 3 year olds and are interested in starting them at Gooderstone from September then please get in touch.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs Godbold