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Dear families,

Although the proposed reduction in PAN would begin in 2028, I wanted to provide some additional reassurance to sit alongside the consultation letter.

A reduction in PAN would ultimately result in mixed age classes across the whole of school. Many of you will be aware that we moved temporarily to mixed age classes in Key Stage 2 last year because of lower pupil numbers. We currently teach children across Early Years together at times and across key stage 1.

Reducing the PAN will allow us to formalise these plans (which so far have changed year on year) and adjust our curriculum to allow for consistent mixed age classes year on year.

Those children who have been taught in mixed age classes within Walbottle Village over recent years have achieved as well as their peers in single age classes.

Our staff team are all experienced in teaching both single age and mixed age classes. All of our classes have a diverse range of needs and abilities and staff are adept at personalising learning for all pupils.

We know that any kind of change can be unsettling for some. If you have any questions or queries about a PAN reduction at Walbottle Village and what this means for your child, we will be holding two drop-in sessions where you can come along and chat with a member of the senior leadership team should you wish.

These will take place as follows;

Monday 30th November – main hall at 3.15pm (parents of children in years 3 – 6)

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Tuesday 1st December – main hall at 3.15pm (parents of children in nursery, reception, year 1 and year 2)

Yours sincerely

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