



Dear Parents and Carers

I am excited to tell you about our classroom set up this year. In our classroom there will be no assigned seats and pupils will have the ability to choose their seat each day. As well as traditional desks and chairs, we have soft chairs, bean bags, stools, low tables, cushions etc. This is called 'flexible seating'. According to the research I found, flexible seating:

1. Helps pupils' attention spans, which results in higher achievement.
2. Makes pupils more actively engaged in the classroom.
3. Gives them an active outlet without disrupting their learning.
4. Makes them more physically fit.
5. Motivates pupils to want to come to school.
6. Helps those with ADHD and Autism, along with other special needs.
7. Helps develop a sense of community amongst pupils, which improves their social skills.
8. Helps them to become independent learners.

I understand that some pupils would prefer a regular table and chair. I will have tables with chairs set up for those learners. Those who prefer a "flexible" seat can choose from a variety of options. Students can choose to write on a hard surface (such as a low table) or use clipboards or even the floor. They can collect their resources and choose a seat that suits them. I will be teaching the students how to choose a spot that is the most conducive to their learning style as well as how to use these seats and move around the room safely. I will also be teaching the pupils about managing and making alternative choices should one not be available.

This method will allow your child to do their BEST learning. Just like children have different learning styles, they have different physical needs when it comes to learning.

We, as a school, will be reviewing the impact of this project regularly through the quality of children's work, lesson observations etc. This will allow us to determine whether this project is beneficial for the children's education and make a decision whether to continue with it or not.

I will aim to send you updates at the end of each term in order to inform you of how our project is going.

I am really looking forward to taking this project into my Year 3 classroom and I hope the children will be too. I understand it might be a little strange and not at all what you're used to, but I truly believe this will help your child be the best learner they can be. If you have any questions or concerns, I would be happy to discuss them with you. Please do not hesitate to reach out!

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