



Policy for Class Organisation

Context

The published admission number for Broadway East First School is 45. This means that we must have classes with mixed year groups in order to create classes of 30. In order to maintain classes of 30, classes change in composition as children move through the school.

Funding is based on the assumption of 30 children in each class so there is no financial resource to avoid mixed and changing classes.

Rationale and Agreed Practice

Reception

45 children are split into two classes, one of 23 and one of 22

Allocation to Red or Blue class is random, other than maintaining a balance between girls and boys

Key Stage 1 and 2

There are 90 children in Key Stage 1 and three classes (Classes 2, 3 and 4)

Children are allocated depending on age – the youngest thirty Year 1 children make up the 30 children in Class 2. The older 15 Year 1 children are mixed with the younger 15 Year 2 children in Class 3. The older 30 Year 2 children are allocated to Class 4. This pattern is repeated in KS2 across Classes 5, 6 and 7.

Age is used to determine children's classes in every case other than cases where:

- There is a significant and complex SEND and a child is unlikely to remain in mainstream
- A child is returning to school following a significant absence (more than one term or spanning the transition into a new academic year) or period of time being educated off site
- There are twins who will suit being separated rather than in the same class (following discussions with parents)
- There are complex and unusual emotional and social development needs eg LAC, children recovering from safeguarding incidents of significant disruption (eg following abuse/ court cases or managed moves from other schools) advice will always be taken from police, children's services or other professionals in these cases
- A child joins the school as an in-year admission – school will make a decision at the end of the academic year regarding whether the child will remain 'out of sync' with age peers – this will be decided based on the time of year in which the child is admitted, the movement of staff and other factors unique to each case.

In all cases above, and in other rare and exceptional cases, school reserves the right to decide on allocation to classes. The Headteacher will make decisions based on information available at the time.

Allocation to classes will not be based on ability, friendship groups or parents/carers' preferences about mixed classes or and/ staff.

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