



WESTONZOYLAND

Community Primary School and Pre-school

CLASS PLACEMENT POLICY

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As a village primary school, Westonzoyland sometimes experiences fluctuations in cohort sizes. This can necessitate mixed age classes. When a cohort needs to be placed into a mixed class, the following policy will be applied in order to ensure that the process is fair, transparent and meets the needs of all concerned.

Classes will be arranged as follows:

1. Within academic year groups wherever possible (complying with the EYFS and Key Stage 1 class size maximum of 30).
2. Where there is the need to have mixed age classes, this decision will be based on one or more of the following criteria:
 - Child's age
 - Personal and social needs
 - Level of attainment as evidenced through teacher assessment
 - Gender balance within a class
 - Parents' wishes as regards the placement of same age siblings
 - Previous class placements
3. Ideally, no child should stay for more than two consecutive years with any one teacher.
4. Ideally, no older or younger sibling will be placed within the same class, though this may sometimes be unavoidable.
5. Class staffing arrangements are reviewed regularly.
6. Parents will be informed of the class arrangements for any forthcoming academic year before the end of the Summer Term, or in advance.

Within year class movement:

Once children are placed in a class, we will only move them during a school year in very exceptional circumstances, as we feel that is generally disruptive to the learning and wellbeing of the children involved.

Equal Opportunities:

Any child with any Special Educational Needs or disability (SEND) will be taught in the most appropriate room.

This policy will be implemented with due regard to the Equalities Act 2010 which ensures the right of all to freedom from discrimination within the Education Service.