

LAUDE NEWTON COLLEGE



opening minds

Class Mixing Policy

Primary

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RATIONALE:

At Newton College, we believe it is important to review our classes in primary every two years from Y2 to Y6 in order,

- to provide opportunities for children to learn and play with a wider variety of peers
- to enable greater social interaction between children as they move through the school
- to ensure that the classes remain balanced academically
- to promote a greater sense of community as a four form entry school

ORGANISATION:

The arrangements for class mixing are based on the professional judgements of all the Class teachers and the Specialists who work with the children.

- We will always consider what is in the best interests of individual children and classes as a whole when making decisions.
- We will always consider the happiness and welfare of the children and will take into consideration existing friendship groups when we create new classes.

CRITERIA FOR CLASS MIXING:

Classes are mixed to achieve a good balance according to the following criteria:

- Gender
- Ability levels
- Range of educational, social and personal needs
- Friendships*

*Class Teachers and Specialists observe the children's friendships at work and play

REVIEW:

The Policy will be reviewed annually and shared with the PTA.

The Head of Stage and Senior Leadership Team will review the process and criteria for each year's class mixing arrangements.

The school reserves the right to make any additional internal changes in classes should it be deemed beneficial for the child.