



NEWTON
COLLEGE

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Class Mixing

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RATIONALE:

At Newton College, we believe it is important to review our classes in **primary and secondary** every two years from Y 2 to Y10, 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/ five** form entry school

ORGANISATION:

The classes will be mixed in primary at the end of key stage 1 – Year 2, end of lower key stage 2 – Year 4, the end of upper key stage 2 – Year 6. In secondary at the end of Year 8 and the end of Year 10.

- 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 beneficial for the child or children in the class.

New class lists will be published in September for the new academic year .