



Class Placement Policy

St Benedict's C of E VA Junior School has a total capacity of 272 pupils and a possible intake of 68 pupils per year. This number of pupils coming into school can require split groups to be formed within the school to ensure that class sizes remain at an appropriate level. Classes can also be adjusted if it is deemed useful for the learning needs of a cohort.

The Senior Leadership team review the class structure for the school annually and decide upon the most effective class set up for the following year. This may result in mixed age or parallel classes.

Where parallel classes are established we strive to ensure that each class contains a balanced group of pupils in terms of:

- o Age
- o Gender
- o Ability

When making the decision to place pupils in a new class, the children will be placed primarily by age as stated above. However, the staff will also use their professional judgement to support the decisions they are required to make concerning class placement. Staff will take into consideration other important factors, such as:

- o Maturity
- o Special Educational Needs / disabilities
- o Social/Friendship Groups

In the case of a small group of pupils being placed out of their year group, staff will discuss the reasons for the proposed placement with parents.

It is also important that parents understand that children are often taught in ability groups for English and Mathematics and these groups will contain different children from class groups.