



# Class Mixing Policy

Policy Ratified: Spring Term, 2025  
To be reviewed: Summer Term, 2026

## **Class Mixing Policy Rationale**

- To create 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 encourage resilience in developing friendships in a safe, comfortable environment
- To ensure that the classes remain balanced in response to pupil transfers and transition during phases

## **Principles**

- The arrangements for class mixing are based on the professional judgements of current and previous class teachers and the Senior Leadership Team
- We will always consider what is in the best interests of individual children and classes as a whole when making decisions
- We will communicate the criteria for class mixing in an open and transparent way
- 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 will be mixed to achieve a good balance according to the following criteria:

- Gender
- Range of educational, social and personal needs
- Level of maturity
- Friendships - Taking into consideration, children's views and teachers' views

## **Friendships**

Over the course of their Primary years, children will have a range of friendship experiences. We find that some friendships can be very fluid, whilst others can stand the test of time. With that in mind, and as we prepare to draw up the class lists, we will use observations of the children in the classroom and at play to inform our decision making.

## **When will mixing classes happen?**

Classes will always be mixed at the end of Year 2, in preparation for all children due to attend Wilshire-Dacre in Year 3. However, the school will review each year group annually and if there have been significant changes or there is an imbalance in a year group, we will consider whether we need to make changes to classes.

## **Timescales**

- Parents will be reminded of the Class Mixing Policy and offered the opportunity to submit no less and no more than four names of children who are their child's current class.

- Class Teachers and Teaching Assistants discuss their observations of friendships in the second half of Spring term and the first half of the Summer term.
- Opportunities are made over the first half of the Summer term for children in both classes to mix.
- Observations are considered along with the other criteria after May half-term
- Class lists are drawn up and shared with the Senior Leadership Team (June)
- Class lists approved by Head Teacher and Deputy Head Teacher (June)
- Class lists communicated to parents and children at the end of June as part of the usual end of year arrangements.

## **Review**

The Senior Leadership Team will review the process and criteria for each year's class mixing arrangements at the beginning of each Summer term ahead of the following year's class mixing.