

# Orchard Community Primary School



## Allocations of Pupils into Classes Policy 2018

# **Policy for Allocation of Pupils into Classes**

**May 2018**

Children are placed into their class at the beginning of the academic year or on entry to the school. The school would prefer children to be taught in single-age classes throughout the school, but numbers require mixed-age classes to be formed in some Year groups. As numbers are very different in each Year group, organisation of classes may vary from year to year

## **Foundation Stage Maximum Class Size 30**

It is felt that children entering the school at the age of 4, benefit from spending their first year in the Foundation Stage Unit. Whenever possible, all children entering the Foundation Stage will have this experience. Where this cannot be provided, the older Foundation Stage children will work with the younger Year 1 children.

## **Key Stage 1 Maximum Class Size 30**

Classes will be organised to take account of pupils' age – this may result in mixed-age classes.

## **Key Stage 2 No maximum statutory limit on Class Size.**

Classes will be organised to take account of pupils' age – this will result in mixed-age classes.

When allocating children to classes according to age, boys and girls may be allocated separately to ensure classes have a reasonable gender balance. This is more important at Key Stage 2 where gender has more impact on friendship, but can still apply at Key Stage 1.

Children with Special Educational Needs will usually be placed in the class appropriate to their chronological age. However, following advice from professionals (SENCO, Educational Psychologists, etc) and following consultation with parents, an individual child may be placed in a class or Year Group most appropriate to his/her needs.

Children who enter the school during the school year will be placed in the class most appropriate to their age if there is space.

This plan was reviewed by the Curriculum and Pastoral Committee on 14.5.18

It was accepted by Governors on 22.05.18

Signed V. Jones Chair of Governor