



## COMPOSITION OF CLASSES POLICY

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**Rationale:** In a three stream school there is a need to provide a balance between gender, friendship groups and compatibility, mindful always of the students' best interests.

### **Principles:**

The number of times children are regrouped provides them with the opportunity to deepen friendships, as well as the opportunity to make new friends

Issues between children in 99% of cases occur outside of the classroom and such issues will not influence the grouping of children.

### **Procedure:**

1. Children are regrouped at the end of the following years: Kindergarten, Year Two and Year Four
2. Teachers will regroup children mindful of the rationale and principles
3. Parents with valid concerns regarding the grouping of children may make written requests to the Principal outlining the exceptional circumstances. In the event that the circumstances are seen to have merit, the Principal will direct teachers to group children mindful of the request.
4. Changes will only be effected at times in accordance with procedure one
5. Classes, and their teachers for the following year will be made public the Friday following the Annual School Community Meeting
6. Any documentation used to regroup students e.g. friendship flowers, sociograms, needs to be kept for future reference.