

POLICY DOCUMENT



"We espouse a child centred approach to education recognising the unconditional worth of each child. We aim to give a balanced education with a view to empowering the child to achieve his/her full potential."

Treoracha i Leith ranganna a roinnt amach ag tús na scoilbhliana.

Mixed Class policy

Note: This document contains information in Irish and English

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Aidmeanna:

- A. Go mbeadh an polasaí macánta trédhearcach agus simpli chomh fada is gur fóidir.
- B. Go mbeadh na socraithe cothroma céanna curtha ar fáil do gach uile páiste.
- C. Go ndeanfaí gach iarracht laghdú ar bhogadh ó aonad amháin go haonad nua a choinnéal chomh híseal is gur féidir agus nach mbeidh aon bhogadh ann i rith na scoilbhliana. (Cuirfear aon pháiste a thagann isteach sa scoil i rith na scoilbhliana san aonad atá feiliúnach dá (h) aois má tá spásann do/di)
- Déanfar iarracht an múinteoir céanna a choinnéal leis an aonad ar feadh dhá bliain ach é seo bheith indéanta.
- E. Go mbeadh céad achomhraic ag tuistí chuig an Bord Bainistiochta.
- F. Beidh gá le haonaid a bheith meascaithe ó am go chéile agus is iad na critír seo leanas a thabharfar san áireamh nuair atá an cinne seo á dhéanamh.
- G. Aois an pháiste/í

Tuairimí ghairimiúla agus tuairimí oideolaíochts

- i. An achar atá caite ag an bpáiste in aonad meascaithe roimhe seo.
- Meascán inscne. Ni chuirfear deartháireacha no deirfiúracha san aonad céanna mura bhfuil said san rang céanna.

Eolas Ghinearálta:

- A. Ni ghlacann an Bord Bainistíocht nó Foireann na Scoile leis an dtuairim gur míbhuntaiste ar bith é bheith in aonad le níos mó ná rang ghrúpa amháin
- B. H I gcomhairle leis an bhfoireann teagaisc agus le tacú Bainistiochta is é/i an Priomhoide atá freagrach as roinnt agus coríocht ranganna sa scoil.
- C. L Déanfar athbreithniú ar na hanaid uilig i dtreo deireadh na scoilbhliana nuair atá pleanáil á dhéanamh don scoilbhliain nua. Cuirfear torthai na hathbhreithnithe faoi bhráid an Choiste Seasta roimh iad a fhoilsiú go poibli.

An Coras Achomhaire:

Déanann an tuismitheor an achomhairc chuig an Bord Bainistiochta taobh istigh de dheich (10) lá i ndiaidh do na liostai ranga bheith fograí go poiblí sa scoil. Tarlaíonn sé seo go hiondúil ag deireadh mí Bhealtaine nó tús mí an Mheithimh.

Mixed Class Policy

The need for mixed classes may arise when there are insufficient numbers of pupils to fill two whole classes.

- A. The policy aims to be simple, fair and transparent as far as is practicable.
- B. All pupils will be treated equally whether they are in mixed class units or single class units.
- C. Every effort will be made to minimize disruption to pupils and to decrease movement between classes. Normally no pupil movement will take place during the school year
- D. Every effort will be made to retain the teacher with the same class for two consecutive years.
- E. In relation to the operation of this policy the parents/guardians may appeal to the Board of Management, as described in the attached appeals mechanism.
- F. The Board of Management and the academic staff in the school hold the view that a pupil is not at a disadvantage by virtue of being in a mixed class unit.
- G. When determining the eligibility of pupils for participation in mixed class units, the Selection Committee of the Board of Management will take into consideration the following criteria:
 - The pupil's age
 - Pedagogical considerations and professional opinion about the pupils
 - Academic ability and social skills
 - The pupil's prior participation in mixed class units
 - The formation of an overall mixed gender class unit
 - Whether or not a pupil has a sibling in the other portion of the proposed mixed unit.
- H. An annual review of the organisation of all classes within the school will take place at the end of the academic year around May/June.
- In consultation with the academic staff and with the approval of the Board of Managemen,t the Principal
 is responsible for the assignment of the teaching resources and the classroom accommodation within the
 school.

This policy will come into effect in May 2002 and into operation for the academic year 2002/03 and then for subsequent years. The assignment of classes will be based on the policy for the 2002/03 2003/04 and 2004//05 academic years: The policy will be reviewed in November 2005 with the intention of implementation a reviewed policy for the academic year 2005/06.

Note: This policy has been reviewed in November 2005. There has been no change in policy:-

Appeals Procedure.

All appeals must be made in writing by the parent/guardian to An Bord Bainistiochta within ten(10) working days of class lists being published on school notice boards. These lists will usually be available towards the end of the month of May.

Appeals will only be processed in the following instances.

- 1. The policy of the school has not been correctly applied in the case of the pupil in question.
- Medical or compassionate grounds, which were made known to the Priomhoide in writing prior to the decision on class groups and were not taken into account.

Appeals are not accepted in the following instances.

- 1. Late appeals
- 2. An appeal based solely on disagreement with the class group assignment
- 3. Third party appeals.

The Bord Bainistiochta, at a specially designated meeting, will adjudicate on any appeals under this policy. The decision of An Bord Bainistiochta is final. The Bord will communicate its decision in writing to the appellant.