

ABBOTSWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

Classroom Placement Protocol

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Abbotswood Junior School is a five-form entry school.

We have a PAN (Published Admission Number) of 150 in each year group.

When there are 150 children placed in each year group, we are **full**, and potential new admissions go on a waiting list.

Once children have a place at Abbotswood, it is the school's decision which class they are placed in.

Coming from infant schools into Year 3

Before the children start with us in Year 3, we have detailed discussions with all our feeder infant schools. Our children come to us from a wide variety of different schools.

When children are placed in classes, we try to find a balance between gender, attainment and a variety of other needs. We listen carefully to the advice of the infant schools who provide us with information about which children get on well, and which children work together the best.

We always find that children get used to working with new friends and partners very quickly whilst maintaining many of their friendships from infant school.

Moving from Year 3 to Year 4

At the end of Year 3, classes are mixed up. The process is very similar to that at the end of Year 2. Each child writes down four children they would like to be with and they are guaranteed to be with at least one.

As is always the case, we do not consider parental requests to move individual children to either be with, or not be with, other children. Similarly, we cannot consider requests for a child to be with a particular teacher.

Moving from Year 4 onwards

In all but exceptional circumstances, children will remain in the same classes. We may choose to move individuals or groups of children. This will be reviewed annually.