



Mixing Classes Policy - Policy RefTYYMCP (introduced 2023-2024)

At Ton Yr Ywen, decisions to mix classes will be based on upholding our Vision which is 'dedicated to helping every child to flourish and achieve all-round success.'

We believe that mixing classes within a two form entry school can have many benefits. The mixing of classes will be considered annually, but will not necessarily be actioned annually.

If we mix classes, we do so in order to:

- Create opportunities for children to learn and play with a wider variety of peers.
- Enable greater social interaction between children as they move through the school.
- Ensure that the classes remain balanced in response to dynamics, development and need.

If we make a decision to mix classes we will follow a clear set of principles based on:

- The professional judgements of senior leaders in collaboration with class teachers and support staff.
- The best interests of individual children and classes as a whole.
- The happiness and welfare of the children including existing friendship groups, the balance of learning needs and their developmental stage.

The process of mixing classes involves:

- Observing the children at work and play.
- Referring to assessment data.
- Considering gender balance and birth dates.
- Sharing final class lists with parents and children.

Transition and preparation for this change:

When it has been determined that a year group will be mixed, the teachers will plan for regular opportunities to trial the new groupings, adapting them in response to observations. Once finalised children and parents will be informed of their new class and additional transition opportunities will be organised.