

Guidance: Year groups who split or stay together.

At Engayne Primary School classes do not traditionally stay together from reception to year 6.

We strongly believe that mixing the children at some points gets them ready for secondary school but also allows the children to make firm friends across the year group. Children can get over familiar with each other and by mixing classes this allows for a fresh start.

We are fully aware that some children will find this process difficult while others won't. We manage this by having a transition at the end of July where children move to their new room and teacher. So, when they return in September they are aware of who they are with and get to know the classroom, teacher and any additional adults.

Reception and year 2 are not mixed and move into their next year group as classes. Occasionally we may choose to split them up if there is a need eg not getting on with each other.

Year 1,3,4 and 5 are split moving up into their next school year.

On rare occasions parents write in to request a certain teacher or friend to be with. We will take this into consideration but unfortunately this cannot be guaranteed due to the fact we have 90 children to mix. Also, teachers do move year groups as well. The best time to write in with any requests is at the end of the spring term. If you have requested that your child be kept with or apart from another child in a previous year, it is worth doing this again the following year if you still feel this way.

We consider gender, ability, number of special needs, poor friendships, family relationships and many other issues.

As a parent if you feel anxious, try not to discuss this with your child. We often find the child is fine but not the adult.

Once the lists are completed they do not change. We can have some year groups with 91 children and so there is not room for any movement.

It will take time for children to settle but normally this will be very quick.

Mrs Sankey June 2024.