

**The Federation of  
St. Godric's RCVA Primary  
School, Thornley,  
and  
St. Mary's RCVA Primary School,  
Wingate**



**ORGANISATION OF CLASSES POLICY**

## **Policy Statement**

### **Basis upon which we organise classes**

Being a small school, classes will usually need to be of mixed age range. Ideally, wherever possible, these mixed age classes will have complete year groups, be single key stage, and be a size of no more than 30 pupils.

However, circumstances may arise when our ideal objectives cannot be met, e.g. when 2 full year groups would mean a class size of over 30 children, or, if there are 3 year groups, children are placed in the class most suited to their needs. In these circumstances, we may have to separate year groups, and have cross key stage classes.

**The staff and governors strongly believe that children are best educated in classes of no more than 30 children and/or alongside children working to a similar ability. All decisions made will always be in the best interests of individual children.**

Therefore, sometimes, a number of children may either stay in their previous class or move to the next class.

The decision upon which children are separated from their year group will be made on the basis of:

- Level of ability (as most classrooms are organised in ability groups);
- Amount of support required to help children progress;
- Adjacent class size or organisation – if one adjacent class is much smaller than the other, it makes sense to place children in the smaller class.

The staff and governors are aware, however, of the importance of year group identity. Therefore, some integration with the children's year group will take place, i.e. swimming, Sacramental preparation, some topic work, outside agency contacts etc.

In the case of mixed key stage classes, children will and must be taught to the correct key stage curriculum. KS2 children in KS1 classes will be taught the full KS2 day – the extra 20 minutes at lunch time is an ideal opportunity for extra individual tuition.

This policy was agreed at a Governing Body Meeting on:

Date: November 2006.....

Signed (on behalf of the Governing Body): Mrs. J. Lewin.....