



Scoil Chlíodhna CNS



**Scoil Chlíodhna Community National School (CNS),
Carrigtwohill GAA, Carrigtwohill, Co. Cork.**

Class mixing policy

Introduction

This policy is the result of whole school collaboration with the Board of Management to ensure that our class mixing is completed at regular intervals and always in the best interests of the children.

Rationale

Our objectives in class mixing are to:

- To promote the concept of community within our school
- Ensure an even spread of strengths and needs in each class
- To help children to make friends, especially if they have failed to make a close friend in their current group
- To provide a wider circle of friends for all of our children
- To encourage resilience and social skills

Class mixing procedure

- The concept of mixing of classes is encouraged when planning lessons in Scoil Chlíodhna (eg Aistear, PE, etc).
- Parents are made aware of the class mixing policy, and of any changes made when reviewed.
- At the Welcome meeting in September, parents will be reminded that class mixes take place after Senior infants and Third class, and the rationale behind our class mixing.
- In Feb/ March, Senior infant and Third class teachers engage in a series of lessons with their classes. The result of these lessons will be a list of children who each child likes to play with/ work with in school. These are created from drawings/ lists made by the children and also through oral conversation with children.
- In April/ May, the class teachers, SET, DP and principal will work together to create 2 new classes, ensuring that each child has at least 2 friends from their list.

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- Once the classes have been decided upon, parents will receive the list of their child's new class.
 - The teacher of this class will be announced as soon as circumstances allow.

Parents are welcome to speak to class teacher or principal about any concerns or requests before March in Senior infants/ Third class.

Once classes have been decided, no changes can be requested.

- **For our current 2nd/3rd class, the mix will be completed at the end of the 2020/ 2021 academic year.**

This policy was ratified by the Board of Management on 14th May 2020 and will be reviewed annually.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Management:

Chairperson