

**Edmondsley Primary and Nursery
School**

**Key Stage 2
Class Organisation**



Pupil Numbers for September 2017/2018 Academic Year.

Year 6 = 27
Year 5 = 24
Year 4 = 25
Year 3 = 24

Total number of children in Key Stage 2 = 100

Key Stage 2 is made up of four year groups. Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. We only have three classrooms to teach these four year groups in. Therefore, like many schools, classes operate with mixed year groups in them. For example, one class may have Year 3 and Year 4 children in it, another having Year 5 and Year 6 children in it. As in previous years, our highly professional teachers consider various factors to decide which class your child should be part of.

- Class sizes/high adult to child ratio
- Friendship groups
- Date of birth
- Academic Ability

Class sizes/high adult to child ratios

The number of children in each year group vary from year to year. To ensure class sizes are kept to a minimal amount, mixed year groups occur. It would be unfair, if for example, we had a single Year 6 class with only 25 children in it as this could mean, the remaining two classes could have 35 children in each. In order to keep adult to child ratios high (currently 1 adult to every 15 children), mixed year group classes exist.

Having 1 adult to every 15 children is advantageous. As a result of having less children in the class, adults provide support quickly if your child is 'stuck' and is more likely to challenge your child further. Teachers mark books each night. Marking has changed dramatically, as you will probably have observed during parents evening. For teachers to be able to prepare engaging lessons, fewer books to mark each evening will no doubt guarantee exciting, well prepared lessons for your child the following day.

Friendship Groups

Children have time to socialise with their friends during breakfast club, playtimes, lunchtimes and the numerous free afterschool clubs.

Date of birth

Whilst we are more likely to see a big difference developmentally in younger children, ie a two year old can 'do' a lot more than a one year old, for some summer born children, it is advantageous for them to be with children who are nearer to their age. For example, a child born in September 2015 is almost a year older than a child born in August 2016, however, they are expected to be in the same year group especially in schools which have single year groups in each class.

There is of course only one month difference with the children in the year group before. With mixed year group classes we are able to accommodate this and place children with other children who are closer to their age/on a par developmentally.

Myths to conquer

If my child has the same teacher two years running, does this mean he/she is repeating a year?

NO. Definitely NOT. Our School Curriculum is planned on a two year cycle. Both Cycles are published on our school website. This means foundation subjects, which are usually taught in the afternoon, change every year. This provides all children with a broad and stimulating education. Literacy and Mathematics are differentiated. This means teachers plan tasks according to the level your child is working at – no matter which year group they are in. If your child is working at the lower end of the Year 3 curriculum (Stage 3 emerging/developing), the teacher will plan work which will move your child to a higher Year 3 level (Stage 3 secure or exceeding). This happens no matter which year group or class your child is in. Teachers use tests and their professional judgement to accurately assess children's levels.

Is academic attainment taken into consideration?

All children learn at different paces. Those of you who have more than one child will know only too well how children can be so different! Academic attainment is taken into consideration. For example, if we have one group of children who are all at the same level, (each class generally has 4 groups working at different levels) we would not necessarily split these children up as it makes sense for a teacher to plan for this group of children together. In addition to this, this group of children would benefit working together with similar personal targets.

We are committed to every child receiving the best education possible. All of the above factors are seriously considered when deciding which class your child will be placed in.

Projected Pupil Numbers for September 2017-2018 and class sizes.

	Year 6	Year 5	Year 4	Year 3	Total in class
Stags	27	6			33
Deers		18	15		33
Rabbits			10	24	34