

Planning Policy

Nursery (Lower Foundation Stage)

The nursery operates two intakes of up to 32 children per session (morning and afternoon). The decision as to which session children attend is on a first come, first served basis, with parental choices being allocated until space is no longer available.

Upper Foundation Stage to Year 6

Orchard Head Junior, Infant & Nursery School has an admission number of 45 for each year group, Upper Foundation Stage to Year 6. Thus, when the school is full, there will be 315 children in the main school. This may necessitate the existence of mixed age classes.

In order to best meet the needs of the children and ensure they make good progress the school allocates children to classes based on the following criteria:

- behaviour
- human resources
- ability
- maturity
- age
- peer relationships

Decisions regarding the allocation of children to their respective classes are made by the Head of School in conjunction with other senior leaders. They are made using the above criteria and taking into account the needs of both the whole school, as well as individuals.

These decisions are made within the context of the bigger picture and as such all the various factors exerting influence on this are considered. Having undergone this rigorous process it is extremely unlikely classes will be changed once they are published.