

Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Abercynon



Policy for Class Sizes and the Distribution and Organisation of Pupils into Classes

Pupils are distributed into classes according to their chronological age and not by ability.

Pupils may need to be placed in mixed age classes comprising of one or two age groups depending on the number of pupils in each year group.

We will endeavour to keep class sizes as small as possible.

We will endeavour not to place pupils of the two keys stages in the same class (i.e. Year 2 and Year 3) but due to pupil numbers this may be necessary.

We will keep classes at 30 or below whenever possible. Foundation Phase classes will be kept at 30 or under but KS2 may rise above if funding is inadequate or if a large number of children move into the catchment area and need to be placed in the school. The school will negotiate with the Local Authority for extra teachers if this happens

If a group of pupils are not with the majority of their year group we will take every opportunity to unite the whole year group for certain activities:

e.g. Sports Day Competitions, School Assemblies, Swimming lessons, Urdd Competitions, Presentations and workshops by visitors, School Trips, etc.

Through our short, medium and long term planning work is planned to meet all capabilities and care is taken in matching ability to tasks set.

We try to achieve continuity of development in the curriculum by means of our curriculum guidelines, teacher planning, core resources and regular staff discussion.

As an integral part of the school's monitoring procedures the Head Teacher will monitor samples of work from all classes on a regular basis to ensure that all pupils' work meet the set targets.

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Signed (Chair of Governors): *D Meaden*

Signed(Head Teacher): E Smith | Thomas

Next scheduled review due: Spring 2026