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Policy: Promotion of Pupils

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Aim of Policy: To outline the method by which pupils progress within the school.

PUPIL PLACEMENT IN CLASSES

The number of pupils moving on from each class is determined by the number of new pupils entering the school at all levels. The school must fill all 68 places if there is a waiting list. Though the school is obliged to redistribute existing pupils to take account of new enrolments, every effort is made to ensure that existing pupils do not remain in one class for more than three years.

When it is established that, for example, a particular class will be accepting three pupils from the previous class, the Principal invites the teacher to submit a list of the pupils s/he feels should move on. The teacher decides using the following basic criteria:

- Age of pupil.
- Number of years spent in the class.

Other factors which may be taken into account are as follows:

- Suitability with regard to mix of pupils.
- Gender.
- Friends.
- Suitability for senior programmes.
- Challenging behaviour and its possible effects on others.
- Medical conditions.

It is important to note that it is not possible to achieve perfect groupings given the diversity of need in the school.

The Principal makes the final decision and communicates same to parents.