



Class Structures 2021 – 2022

As a school, our admission number is 35 although in some years children have been granted a place in the appeal process. This is the old historic admission number and part of St. Peter's history. Legally, all Early Years and KS1 classes cannot have more than one teacher for 30 children. This is known as the 'Infant Class Size' Rule. This is no upper limit for KS2 classes!!

The school took the decision a few years ago to go to mixed age classes in YR, Y1 and Y2 so they benefit from much smaller classes. Our four classes this year are between 25 and 30 per qualified teacher. Our budget also allows us to employ teaching assistants full time in Skylark and Sanderling Classes and the vast majority of the time in Oystercatchers and Eider Ducks.

Each year we look at the class structures for September based on the number of pupils in each year group and how to provide them with equality of access to teacher input time, the highest standard of education and the 'challenge for all' that we pride ourselves on here at St. Peter's.

From September 2021 our Early Year and KS1 cohort sizes will be as follows:

Year R	Year 1	Year 2
35	36	35

This gives us a total of **106 pupils** across four classes.

We want the best for all of our children regardless of cohort especially in our two mixed age classes. Given the numbers in each year group there will be 4 classes in Early Years and KS1 in September as follows:

Skylarks will be a straight YR class of 26 children
Sanderlings will be mixed YR and Y1 class of 25 children
Oystercatchers will be mixed Y1 and Y2 class of 25 children
Eider Ducks will be a straight Y2 class of 30 children

In KS2 we are expecting to have full classes of 35 pupils and therefore we will continue to have the following structure:

Turnstones will be a straight Y3 class
Dunlins will be a straight Y4 class
Lapwings will be a straight Y5 class
Curlews will be a straight Y6 class

For the well-being of all pupils, the decision of how the mixed age children is normally be made on a holistic approach with the child being central to the decision making and ultimately the professional judgement of the staff. This year as we were unable to get into Nurseries due to COVID-19 we used age to split the YR children with the older children joining Sanderling class and the younger ones to Skylarks. Each year we finalise class lists end of June / early July. As always, the decisions are made with the best interests of every pupil in our hearts and minds; that we remain fully committed to the personalised, targeted teaching and learning approach which enables mixed-age teaching to be a success; and that all decisions made within school are rooted in our core Christian values. We ask any parent to come and talk any concerns over with us as soon as possible before the year finishes.