

# VIS Class Composition Policy

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**Preamble:** At Verita we believe that learning should be both challenging and enjoyable and that our children learn best in a high challenge/high support environment.

## **Class Composition:**

Verita uses the following principles to guide class composition:

- i. All classes are by intention mixed ability classes with a range of learning styles and abilities. This includes children with special educational and or English language acquisition needs.
- ii. Verita endeavours to create and maintain gender equality in its classes.
- iii. Verita endeavours to create and maintain a healthy mix of personalities in its classes.
- iv. Verita endeavours to create and maintain a mix of nationalities in its classes.
- v. Verita will endeavour to ensure that children are always placed with some of their close friends but...
- vi. Verita will also endeavour, where possible, to separate children whose behaviour—when together—interferes with safety and learning of those children or of others.
- vii. Verita will endeavour to ensure that no class has more than 15% of its children with special educational needs.
- viii. Verita will normally place children in their age-appropriate classes. The Director may decide to place children a maximum of one year higher or lower than their age-appropriate class based on previous educational experience, English learning needs, and/or educational assessment.

## **Teacher Placement:**

Verita recognises that all learners have different needs and that children learn by being exposed to a variety of experiences in a kind and caring yet appropriately challenging classroom environment.

Verita uses the following principles to guide teacher placement:

- i. The teacher must be appropriately qualified for the class or subject placement.
- ii. The teacher will, ideally, have previous experience of working with children at the age-level and/or the subject to which s/he is assigned.
- iii. The teacher should feel comfortable teaching the level or subject assigned.
- iv. As an international school following the National Curriculum of England and Wales, Verita does not normally have teachers move up the year levels with their classes. At his/her discretion—and in the best interests of the students—the School Director may allow teachers to move up with their year groups for two academic years.

**Note:** Verita International School will decide upon appropriate teacher and class placements. We do not place children into specific classes or with specific teachers upon parent request.