

# Barkisland CE VA Primary School

## Groupings and Seating Plan Policy



In order to create effective learning environments for our pupils, there will be times where pupils are grouped together in various groups and work within a specific seating plan.

At Barkisland School, we adapt these groupings and seating plans regularly to meet the ever-changing needs of the pupils and their learning.

### Home Places

All classes will have 'home places' which may be at a table or on the carpet. These places are usually mixed in ability. Here at school, we will change these places every half term.

This is to ensure that pupils get to work and interact with a wider range of their peers. Through this, they learn to develop and refine different skills such as cooperation, resilience, leadership, encouragement and compromise, but to name a few.

It is not usual for these places to be changed within a half term.

The places are decided by the class teacher, based on the needs of the children under his/her care, who is best placed to make these carefully considered decisions to support effective learning and development.

### Groupings / Pairings

Pupils will be placed into different groups/pairs for different lessons. These group/pair arrangements may be of similar ability, mixed ability or even friendship groups/pairs.

The class teacher will make the decision on how the pupils are grouped depending on the desired outcome by the end of the lesson/s.

It is expected that these groupings/pairings work very flexibly throughout the course of a school day, week, month, term etc and will change frequently, for example, pupils may be placed in ability groups for maths lessons; however, a pupil may have strong knowledge in number, but when it comes to learning the concept of time and telling the time, the pupil may be best placed in a different group with children of a similar ability in that concept, in order for their learning to be personalised and maximised.

***If parents/carers have questions about their child's place or groupings, they must raise these with the class teacher, who will respond to the queries raised. Please note - the final decision on where a child is placed within the classroom setting rests with the classroom teacher.***