Dear Parents/Caregivers,

The class placement process has begun for 2017. At our school, we aim to arrange class groupings that meet the learning needs of students, and use to full advantage the resources, skills and teaching styles of staff members.

When planning class groupings the following is considered:

- Estimated enrolments
- Reception intake
- Class numbers
- Numbers of students with special needs including disabilities, behaviour, learning difficulties and high intellectual potential
- Gender
- Class group(s) remaining together

When allocating students to classes, teachers take the following into consideration:

- Friendship groups
- Special needs
- Learning style / needs
- Student involvement in the process.

Every effort will be made to place students with at least one friend.

Parents are able to provide information if they wish.

TEACHER REQUESTS

Each year we have a number of parents who would like to request a specific teacher. We have a very committed and highly skilled staff who do a great job of educating our children with your cooperation and support.

Requesting specific teachers creates several problems for the school community. We are never really sure until January who will be teaching what year level. Students and parents often become very disappointed, especially if they have their heart set on a specific teacher and the placement is changed prior to school opening.

Secondly, because of numbers, not all requests can be honoured. By granting some requests and not others, the school is placed in a position of advantaging some students while discriminating against others.

As parents you may wish to provide information in the following areas other than requesting a specific teacher.

We welcome your comments in relation to:
- Emotional, social, personal needs of your child
- Specific learning needs
- Positive friendships
- Other confidential information which could have an impact on your child's placement

You can be assured that we will spend a great deal of time and effort in placing children.

It is the responsibility of the Principal to make the final decision on classes and placement of students.

It is therefore important not to indicate to your child that you have made a request and therefore lead her / him to assume that the request will necessarily be actioned.

To streamline parent input, we have developed a “Class Placement Parent Information Sheet” which is on the back of this letter. Spare copies are available from the school website or a hard copy may be collected from the front office.

This needs to be returned to the front office no later than Friday 23 September 2016.

You may wish to email your request to dl.1036.info@schools.sa.edu.au

Information will only be considered if in writing and received by the due date.

Yours sincerely,

Vicki Stravinski
Principal
EAST ADELAIDE SCHOOL
CLASS PLACEMENTS 2017 PARENT INFORMATION

Child’s Name: __________________________ 2016 Teacher: ________________ Room: ___________

We will give consideration to information as it directly affects your child's learning.

Comment about your child’s learning:
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Signed: ___________________________ Name: ______________________ Date: __________
(Parent / Caregiver)

It is the Principal's responsibility to make the final educational decisions about class placement.

This form must be returned to the front office by Friday 23 September 2016.