**Scoil na mBuachaillí Naomh Eoin Baiste**

**Class Split Policy**

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**Introductory statement:** This policy was drawn up in response to the need to divide classes.

**Rationale:** The rationale is to provide a system that enables classes to be split as fairly as possible, when class numbers dictate such action as necessary.

**Aims:**

* To ensure that the size of each class is manageable for the teacher.
* To maximise the teaching/learning opportunities for teacher/pupils.

**Guidelines:**

A mixture of the following criteria is used to ensure that each class grouping has a range of strengths & challenges.

* Maturity/personality of the boy
* Age
* Individual needs of the boy
* Provision for mixed ability groups in classrooms
* Friendship groups
* Teachers’ professional judgement
* Alternation between groups from year to year

**Roles and responsibilities:**

The Principal, in consultation with the class teachers, decides on the boys to be placed in each class. When a final decision is made, the parents are informed before the pupils return in September.

**Ratification and Review :**

The Board of Management ratified this policy on **9 November 2017**.

It is subject for review as necessary.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Chairperson, Board of Management)

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(Principal)

**Communication:** This policy is available on the school’s website. It is also available on request from the Principal / Office.