



Acorn House

Class Formation Criteria

(from Nursery to Year 6)

Nursery Class

Based on the number of new enrolment requests, the Nursery class is formed either as a class of its own or pooled together with the newly formed Preschool class. The decision concerning the formation of a mixed group (Nursery-Preschool) is entrusted solely to the Academic Management Department. Said decision is taken guaranteeing the predefined objectives of educational, social and empathic growth to be reached by each and every constituent of the group-class, regardless of group-class composition (*i.e.* same age class or mixed age class).

In the Early Years the minimum number of new enrolment requests needed in order to form a Nursery class is 8. Should the number be lower than the highlighted one, the constituents will be pooled in a class that will comprehend kids of mixed age (*e.g.* 2-3 years old), to a maximum number of 24 constituents (January 29th 2013 Assembly decision).

The ratio amongst number of teachers, in Nursery class, and number of kids aged two, regardless of being a same age or mixed age class is as follows:

- In case of a Nursery group-class composed by 8 kids, a single native-speaker teacher and/or a teacher who is part of the international community of educators will guide the group.
- In case of a group-class composed of a number of kids, aged two, ranging between 9 and 14, a native-speaker teacher and/or a teacher who is part of the international community of educators will guide the group, aided by a part-time assistant who will be in class in specific moments of the day, based on the overall number of children present.
- In case of a group-class composed by a number of kids aged two, ranging between 15 and 24, a native-speaker teacher and/or a teacher who is part of the international community of educators will guide the group, aided by a full-time bilingual (Italian-English) assistant/co-educator.

Preschool class

Based on the number of new enrolment requests, the Preschool class is formed either as a class of its own or pooled together with the newly formed Nursery or Reception class – this depending on the scenario that the management is presented with. The decision concerning the formation of a mixed group (Preschool-Nursery/Reception) is entrusted solely to the Academic Management Department. Said decision is taken in accordance with the predefined objectives of educational, social and empathic growth to be reached by each and every constituent of the group-class, regardless of group-class composition (*i.e.* same age class or mixed age class).

The minimum number of new enrolment requests needed in order to form a Preschool class is 10. Should the number be lower than the highlighted one, the constituents will be pooled in a class that will comprehend kids of mixed age, to a maximum number of 24 constituents (January 29th 2013-Assembly decision).

The ratio amongst number of teachers, in Preschool class, and number of kids aged three, regardless of being a same age or mixed age class is as follows:

- In case of a group-class composed by 10 kids, a single native-speaker teacher and/or a teacher who is part of the international community of educators will guide the group.
- In case of a group-class composed of a number kids aged three, ranging between 11 and 15, a native-speaker teacher and/or a teacher who is part of the international community of educators will guide the group, aided by a part-time assistant who will be in class in specific moments of the day based on the overall number of children present.
- In case of a group-class composed by a number of kids aged three, ranging between 16 and 24, a native-speaker teacher and/or a teacher who is part of the international community of educators will guide the group, aided by a full-time bilingual (Italian-English) assistant/co-educator.

Reception Class

Based on the number of new enrolment requests, the Reception class is formed either as a class of its own or pooled together with the newly formed Preschool or Year 1 class – this depending on the scenario that the management is presented with. The decision concerning the formation of a mixed group (Reception-Preschool/Year 1) is entrusted solely to the Academic Management Department management. Said decision is taken in accordance with the predefined objectives of educational, social and empathic growth to be reached by each and every constituent of the group-class, regardless of group-class composition (*i.e.* same age class or mixed age class).

The minimum number of new enrolment requests needed in order to form a Reception class is 14. Should the number be lower than the highlighted one, the constituents will be pooled in a class that will comprehend kids of mixed age, to a maximum number of 24 constituents (January 29th 2013-Assembly decision).

The ratio amongst number of teachers, in Reception class, and number of kids aged four, regardless of being a same age or mixed age class is as follows:

- In case of a group-class composed by 14 kids, a single native-speaker teacher and/or a teacher who is part of the international community of educators will guide the group.
- In case of a group-class composed of a number of kids aged four, ranging between 15 and 20, a native-speaker teacher and/or a teacher who is part of the international community of educators will guide the group, aided by a part-time assistant who will be in class in specific moments of the day based on the overall number of children present.
- In case of a group-class composed by a number of kids aged four, ranging between 21 and 24, a native-speaker teacher and/or a teacher who is part of the international community of educators will guide the group, aided by a full-time bilingual (Italian-English) assistant/co-educator.

Year 1 class

Based on the number of new enrolment requests, the Year 1 class is formed either as a class of its own or pooled together with the newly formed Reception or Year 2 class – this depending on the scenario that the management is presented with. The decision concerning the formation of a mixed group (Year 1-Reception/Year 2) is entrusted solely to the Academic Management Department.

Said decision is taken in accordance with the predefined objectives of educational, social and empathic growth to be reached by each and every constituent of the group-class, regardless of group-class composition (*i.e.* same age class or mixed age class).

The minimum number of new enrolment requests needed in order to form a Year 1 class is 18. Should the number be lower than the highlighted one, the constituents will be pooled in a class that will comprehend kids of mixed age, to a maximum number of 24 constituents (January 29th 2013 – Assembly decision).

The ratio amongst number of teachers, in Year 1 class, and number of kids aged four, regardless of being a same age or mixed age class is as follows:

- In case of a group-class composed by 18 kids, a single native-speaker teacher and/or a teacher who is part of the international community of educators will guide the group.
- In the case of a group-class composed of a number kids aged five, ranging between 19 and 22, a native-speaker teacher and/or a teacher who is part of the international community of educators will guide the group, aided by a part-time assistant who will be in class in specific moments of the day based on the class timetable.

- In the case of a group-class composed by a number of kids aged five, ranging between 23 and 24, a native-speaker teacher and/or a teacher who is part of the international community of educators will guide the group, aided by a full-time bilingual (Italian-English) assistant/co-educator.

Year 2 class

Based on the number of new enrolment requests, the Year 2 class is formed either as a class of its own or pooled together with the newly formed Year 1 or Year 3 class – this depending on the scenario that the management is presented with. The decision concerning the formation of a mixed group (Year 2-Year 1/Year 3) is entrusted solely to the Academics Management Department.

Said decision is taken in accordance with the predefined objectives of educational, social and empathic growth to be reached by each and every constituent of the group-class, regardless of group-class composition (*i.e.* same age class or mixed age class).

The minimum number of new enrolment requests needed in order to form a Year 2 class is 14. Should the number be lower than the highlighted one, the constituents will be pooled in a class that will comprehend kids of mixed age, to a maximum number of 18/20 constituents (see Assembly decision from January 29th 2013).

The curricula followed by the class are developed by both Italian and English mother tongue teachers qualified in education.

Year 3 class

Based on the number of new enrolment requests, the Year 3 class is formed either as a class of its own or pooled together with the newly formed Year 2 or Year 4 class – this depending on the scenario that the management is presented with. The decision concerning the formation of a mixed group (Year 3-Year 2/Year 4) is entrusted solely to the Academic Management Department.

Said decision is taken in accordance with the predefined objectives of educational, social and empathic growth to be reached by each and every constituent of the group-class, regardless of group-class composition (*i.e.* same age class or mixed age class).

The minimum number of new enrolment requests needed in order to form an own Year 3 class is 14. Should the number be lower than the highlighted one, the constituents will be pooled in a class

that will comprehend kids of mixed age, to a maximum number of 18/20 constituents (see Assembly decision from January 29th 2013).

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Year 4 class

Based on the number of new enrolment requests, the Year 4 class is formed either as a class of its own or pooled together with the newly formed Year 3 or Year 5 class – this depending on the scenario that the management is presented with. The decision concerning the formation of a mixed group (Year 4-Year 3/Year 5) is entrusted solely to the Academic Management Department.

Said decision is taken in accordance with the predefined objectives of educational, social and empathic growth to be reached by each and every constituent of the group-class, regardless of group-class composition (*i.e.* same age class or mixed age class).

The minimum number of new enrolment requests needed in order to form an own Year 4 class is 14. Should the number be lower than the highlighted one, the constituents will be pooled in a class that will comprehend kids of mixed age, to a maximum number of 18/20 constituents (see Assembly decision from January 29th 2013).

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Year 5 class

Based on the number of new enrolment requests, the Year 5 class is formed either as a class of its own or pooled together with the newly formed Year 4 or Year 6 class – this depending on the scenario that the management is presented with. The decision concerning the formation of a mixed group (Year 5-Year 4/Year 6) is entrusted solely to the Academic Management Department.

Said decision is taken in accordance with the predefined objectives of educational, social and empathic growth to be reached by each and every constituent of the group-class, regardless of group-class composition (*i.e.* same age class or mixed age class).

The minimum number of new enrolment requests needed in order to form an own Year 5 class is 14. Should the number be lower than the highlighted one, the constituents will be pooled in a class

that will comprehend kids of mixed age, to a maximum number of 18/20 constituents (see Assembly decision from January 29th 2013).

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Year 6 class

Based on the number of new enrolment requests, the Year 6 class is formed either as a class of its own or pooled together with the newly formed Year 6 class – this depending on the scenario that the management is presented with. The decision concerning the formation of a mixed group (Year 6-Year 5) is entrusted solely to the Academic Management Department.

Said decision is taken in accordance with the predefined objectives of educational, social and empathic growth to be reached by each and every constituent of the group-class, regardless of group-class composition (*i.e.* same age class or mixed age class).

The minimum number of new enrolment requests needed in order to form an own Year 6 class is 14. Should the number be lower than the highlighted one, the constituents will be pooled in a class that will comprehend kids of mixed age, to a maximum number of 18/20 constituents (see Assembly decision from January 29th 2013).

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