



THE ORCHID SCHOOL

Announcement of Class Shuffling

(For Senior K.G. to STD VII)

Subject: Announcement of Class Shuffling as per TOS policy – Every 3 years.

Dear Parents,

At The Orchid School, the classroom is not just a location where learning takes place; it is a platform for every child to develop an identity of his/her own over time, understand the importance of being part of a group and work together. We have known this on-going interaction to result in each class developing a unique classroom climate, characterized by a culture of their own. However, over the years we have realized that it is also very important to give the opportunity for these interactions to become varied in its scope, and help students understand the importance of continually building a sense of community and belongingness, no matter what.

In keeping with this, you are also aware of the school's decision **to shuffle all classes every three years**. The process continues to be done in a systematic manner, the main focus being the girl-boy ratio. The divisions assigned will be final; any requests or applications to change the division will not be considered.

- In the coming academic year i.e. 2015-16, *all classes* from current Senior K.G. to STD VII will be shuffled.
- The next cycle for shuffling would be in the academic year 2018-19
- We have seen that in the past this process has helped children maintain existing relationships, while allowing them the experience of gaining more skills as they make new friends, negotiate friendships across levels and allowing them and others to experience different aspects of their personality.

As adults we need to ensure that children are on board with the message and the understanding, that this is an opportunity for them to develop vital skills of adaptability and understand the essence of inclusion. While there might be some teething problems, we need to

help them understand that like it has always been, this process will yet again result in providing an excellent opportunity for life-long learning.

Looking forward to your co-operation.

Thank You,

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