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Setting Policy

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope your son/daughter has settled well into the new term at Oasis Academy Oldham. I am writing to inform you that we have recently reviewed and updated our setting policy for 2019-20 academic year, which will impact on the groups your child will be in for lessons from Monday 7th October.

Using the latest research from the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) we have opted to move our Year 7 cohort to mixed ability setting. The EEF are a government funded research group who are dedicated to supporting schools with factual evidence to help create a culture to achieve educational excellence. The research and the results compiled from this study can be found here: <https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/evidence-summaries/teaching-learning-toolkit/setting-or-streaming/>

The research concludes that students will make greater rates of progress in a mixed ability class opposed to being set by ability. In particular, in year 7 this links well to the classroom environment experienced in year 6. As such we have opted to redistribute the Year 7 cohort into evenly balanced mixed ability sets. The data your child arrived with from primary school and the intelligence our Year 7 team of have provided has informed the make up of each mixed ability group.

I am aware that a number of students arrive in September at secondary school who may have gaps in their learning and as such find themselves slightly behind their peers. As such, in addition to our mixed ability groups we will also have two small nurture groups to ensure all students' needs are met and a climate for learning is established for all students to thrive.

If you would like to read the policy, you can access it via our website here <https://www.oasisacademyoldham.org/curriculum/transforming-learning>

Yours sincerely

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