



École **Willows** School

A Place of Possibilities for Over One Hundred Years

Student Placement Process

At the end of the school year, we begin the process of building classes for next year. This process continues into September as students move in and out of our catchment area. The school team considers many factors when creating classes; our goal is to build diverse classrooms where all children have the opportunity to reach their full potential in the academic, social-emotional and physical domains.

Due to the complexity of this process, ***we respectfully ask that families refrain from making class placement requests*** except in extraordinary situations. In exceptional cases, please book an appointment to speak with Ms. Chretien, our Vice Principal, or me. ***Please do not send email requests or make requests through your child's teacher.***

Class placement decisions take into account your child's needs in all areas (including social-emotional and academic), staffing allocations, and contractual requirements. Our team of educators works very hard to make the best decisions regarding the placement for your child.

Having friends in class is important, but friends are not always the best classmates and students need to develop their skills to work with a variety of peers. We recognize that the beginning of the school year can be a challenging time. However, in almost all cases, students adapt to their new classes within a few weeks. We also know that children take their cues from the important adults in their lives. For this reason, we ask that you remain supportive of our staff and your child's teacher and trust that your child was placed with the best intentions in mind.

Brenna O'Connor

Principal