

A group of five children, three girls and two boys, are smiling and giving thumbs up. They are wearing colorful t-shirts (red, yellow, green, and blue). The background is a light blue gradient. The entire image is framed by a dark blue border.

Larbert Village Primary School

**Composite Class Workshop
A Parent's View**

Background

Asked by Mrs Gillespie to provide experience of composite class

Informed of our daughter entering a composite class in June

Eldest child – never had experience of a composite class before

Whilst we understood that it's highly likely that our children would have to take part in a composite class, we had some concerns

Initial Concerns

Will my child be held back a little, given she'll be a P4 sharing a class with some primary 3s?

Would there be less of a challenge for her?

Would the teacher be able to effectively meet the needs of all the children in the class, given a broader spectrum of ages and ability?

Given P4 is in the Upper school, and P3 is in the lower school - will that be an issue? Will my daughter miss out on anything with the older kids?

End of the year

Will my child be held back a little, given she'll be a P4 sharing a class with some primary 3s?

No concerns.

My daughter has continued to develop, if anything this has accelerated this year.

Would there be less of a challenge for her?

No sign of this. Homework continued to challenge, including reading material.
Topics in class were still stimulating, continuing to provide the opportunity for growth.

Would the teacher be able to effectively meet the needs of all the children in the class?

Certainly no sign of this having any detrimental effect.

Given P4 is in the Upper school, and P3 is in the lower school - will that be an issue?

Didn't happen.

Class split where appropriate (for example sports day was with the rest of the upper school. Still had access to extra curricular activities such as choir)

Summary

Composite class has had absolutely no negative impact.

My daughter has continued to flourish at the school

Class size was capped, which may have been beneficial.

P4 section of composite class has moved intact in to the full P5 (friends are all staying together)

I would have absolutely no concern about children being in a composite class in future.