

At Roedean Moira House Girls School we provide a caring learning environment, where your child can learn to work hard, to co-operate with others and to develop self-reliance. Our classes are small, and our generous staff ratios are specially designed so that every child receives all the individual attention, in the classroom, on the sports field and in informal discussions, that is appropriate for the needs of the relevant age group.

## **Nursery and Junior School**

We follow the guidance from the Department for education in terms of staff ratios:

- for under two year olds - 1 carer to 3 children
- two to three year olds - 1 carer to 4 children
- three to five year olds - 1 carer to 13 children (where a person with Qualified Teacher Status, Early Years Professional Status, Early Years Teacher Status or another suitable level 6 qualification is working directly with the children) or 1 carer to 8 children (when a person with Qualified Teacher Status, Early Years Professional Status, Early Years Teacher Status or another suitable level 6 qualification is not working directly with the children)

Girls move into Junior School in the year in which they become 5, where they are joined by other children. They are placed into classes of no more than 20 under the charge of a teacher, who is supported by a Classroom Assistant for some of the lessons if necessary.

## **Seniors and Sixth Form**

As girls progress to the Senior School at the age of 11, other girls join the school, making year groups of around 20-25. At this point, teaching groups become a little larger; but never larger than 25, so plenty of individual attention is still provided.

A further cohort of students join the school in Year 12 where the classes are smaller, averaging 10-15 in a set, so that there is ample opportunity for stimulating and lively discussion.

At around 300 pupils, we believe that Roedean Moira House Girls School is exactly the right size. It is small enough to provide a nurturing environment; but large enough to offer and sustain a broad curriculum.

## **Related policies and documents**

This policy should be read in conjunction with the following policies and documents:

- Employee Handbook
- Staff Handbook
- Code of Conduct for Employees
- Health Safety Handbook
- Boarding Staff Handbook
- National Minimum Standards for Boarding Schools
- ISI Handbook for the Inspection of Schools, Regulatory Requirements
- Teachers' Standards
- Departmental Handbook
- Complaints Policy (Pupils)
- Complaints Policy (Parents)



# ROEDEAN MOIRA HOUSE CLASS SIZE POLICY POLICY 2018-2019

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