

Annex 9a: Size standard

Size standards for new build schools under Sustainable Communities for Learning Programme.

1. Size

To ensure that funds are distributed fairly and that our schools offer a consistent standard across Wales, we advise that schools are designed according to the maximum of BB98 (secondary) and BB99 (primary).

In consultation with delivery partners a Design Review is currently under way and any recommendation to alter this advice will be published in Autumn 2023 and applied to future projects. This document will be updated at that point to reflect any changes.

Table 1 below provides the minimum and maximum size ranges specified within each bulletin.

Table 1

Primary Schools	Nursery (FTE)	Size of School	BB98/99 Max	M ² per pupil /Max
210		1 form entry	1,306	6.2
210	15	1 form entry with nursery	1,364	6.1
315		1.5 form entry	1,778	5.6
420		2 form entry	2,250	5.4
420	30	2 form entry with nursery	2,385	5.3
630		3 form entry	3,194	5.1
630	45	3 form entry with nursery	3,397	5.1
Secondary Schools	Sixth Form			
600	200	4 FE plus 200 sixth form	8,062	10.1
900	100	5 FE plus 100 sixth form	9,280	9.3
1050	150	7FE plus 150 sixth form	10,716	8.9
1350	150	9FE plus 150 sixth form	12,760	8.5
1500	200	10FE plus 200 sixth form	14,196	8.4
600	0	4 form entry (FE)	5,974	9.9
900	0	5 FE	8,019	8.9
1050	0	7FE	9,041	8.6
1350	0	9FE	11,085	8.2
1500	0	10FE	12,108	8.1