

Annex 6a: 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 in accordance with the Area Guidelines for Schools in Wales.

[Area guidelines for schools in Wales: building guidance.](#)

Following consultation with delivery partners, the Area Guidelines for Schools in Wales was developed to supersede the relevant Building Bulletins and provides a unique guide for Wales taking account of our policies here in Wales.

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

Table 1

Primary Schools	Nursery (FTE)	Size of School	Area Guidelines Max Area (m ²)	M ² per pupil /Max
210		1 form entry	1,357	6.5
210	15	1 form entry with nursery	1,425	6.3
315		1.5 form entry	1,848	5.9
420		2 form entry	2,338	5.6
420	30	2 form entry with nursery	2,473	5.5
630		3 form entry	3,318	5.3
630	45	3 form entry with nursery	3,521	5.2
Secondary Schools	Sixth Form			
600	200	4 form entry plus 200 sixth form	8,062	10.1
900	100	5 form entry plus 100 sixth form	9,280	9.3
1050	150	7 form entry plus 150 sixth form	10,716	8.9
1350	150	9 form entry plus 150 sixth form	12,760	8.5
1500	200	10 form entry plus 200 sixth form	14,196	8.4
600	0	4 form entry	5,974	10.0
900	0	5 form entry	8,019	8.9
1050	0	7 form entry	9,041	8.6
1350	0	9 form entry	11,085	8.2
1500	0	10 form entry	12,108	8.1