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washroom systems

# WASHROOM GUIDE FOR SCHOOL BASED NURSERIES & SCHOOLS

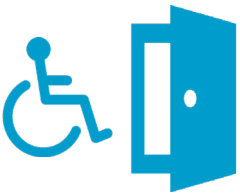
MAKING WASHROOMS. EASY

# Standard Washroom Guidelines

Handwashing facilities are provided within or in immedate vicinity of the washroom area

Each toilet facility must have a cubicle suitable for the ambulant disabled - with an outward opening door and be located at the end of the block

Washroom areas must have adequate lighting and ventilation



Where four or more toilet cubicles are provided, there should be a wheelchair accessible toilet cubicle

Washroom areas must be located in areas that provide easy access for users and allow for supervision

Accessible toilets should be to teh same quality and aesthetics as other facilities

Toilets must have an adequate supply of water

Allowance should be made for pupils with SEN and other disabilities - including colour and contrast, anti glare, and light souces that avoid flickers

Hot water temperature doesn't exceed 43°

Visual contrast in design - 30 point difference in Light Reflectance Value (LRV) betwen components that need to contrast visually

# EYFS & Early Years Design Guidance

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and the Department for Education's Early Years Design Guidance share a common goal: creating environments that support children's learning, development, wellbeing and independence. While the EYFS sets the statutory requirements for the care, development and education of children from birth to the age of five, the new design guidance demonstrates how the physical environment can help bring these principles to life. Together, they encourage the creation of child-centred spaces that are safe, accessible, inclusive and designed around the everyday experiences of young children.

Washroom facilities are an important part of this environment. More than simply a practical necessity, well-designed toilet and hygiene areas can support key EYFS objectives by encouraging independence, promoting good hygiene habits, supporting personal care routines and helping children develop confidence in managing their own needs. The new design guidance recognises the importance of spaces that are appropriately scaled, easy to supervise and responsive to the needs of all children. By considering washroom design as an integral part of the learning environment, providers can create facilities that not only meet statutory requirements but also contribute positively to children's development, wellbeing and readiness for school.

While the Early Years Design Guidance is non-statutory and does not create additional legal obligations, it represents current best practice and is strongly recommended for providers seeking to create environments that fully support the aims and principles of the EYFS.

The new Design Standards encourage accessible and age appropriate toilets, basins and changing areas which should include durable surfaces with easy clean finishes. It should be easy to move between the playroom, outdoor play areas and toilet areas.

# At a glance

## School Based Nursery - Under 5 years

1 toilet cubicle per 10 pupils

1 washbasin per 10 pupils

Suitable changing facilities for children who are in nappies

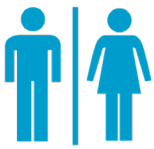
Adequate supply of clean bedding, towels, spare clothes and any othe rnecessary items

Nurseries may prefer a nappy chaing area within the toilet block for 2-3 year olds. In larger nurseries an additional changing area might be needed for 0-2 year olds. Changing stations should be located next to an adult height wash basin and ideally a child height wash basin.

## Key Stage 1 & 2: 5 - 11 years

1 toilet cubicle per 20 pupils

1 washbasin per 20 pupils



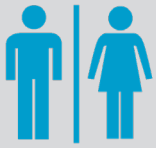
Separate toilet facilities for girls and boys aged 8 years +

Consider providing changing rooms with or without showers at primary schools where pupils need to change for physical education

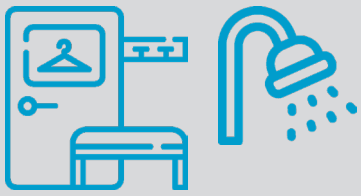
## Key Stage 3+: Age 11+

1 toilet cubicle per 20 pupils

1 washbasin per 20 pupils

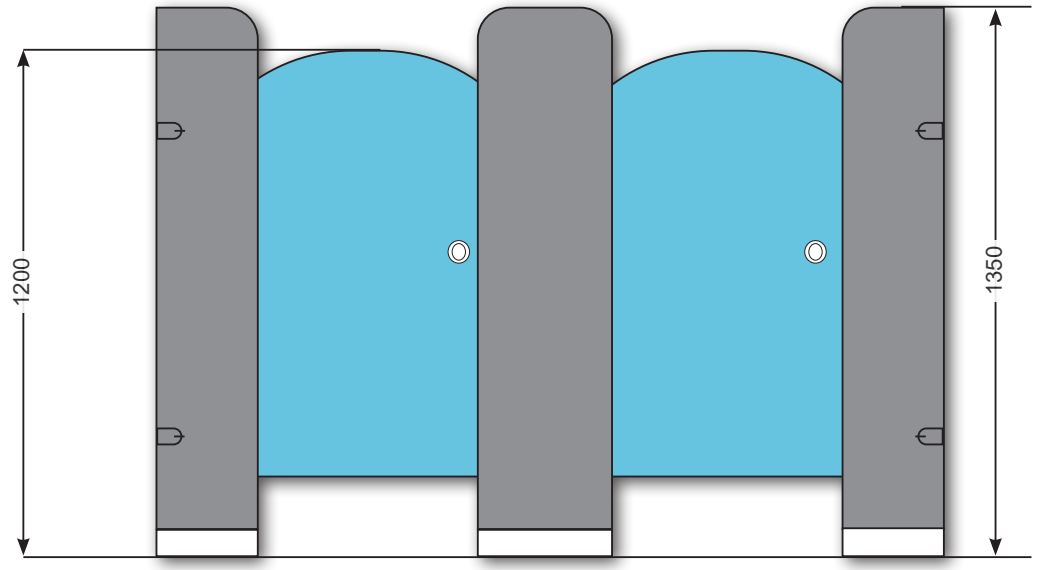


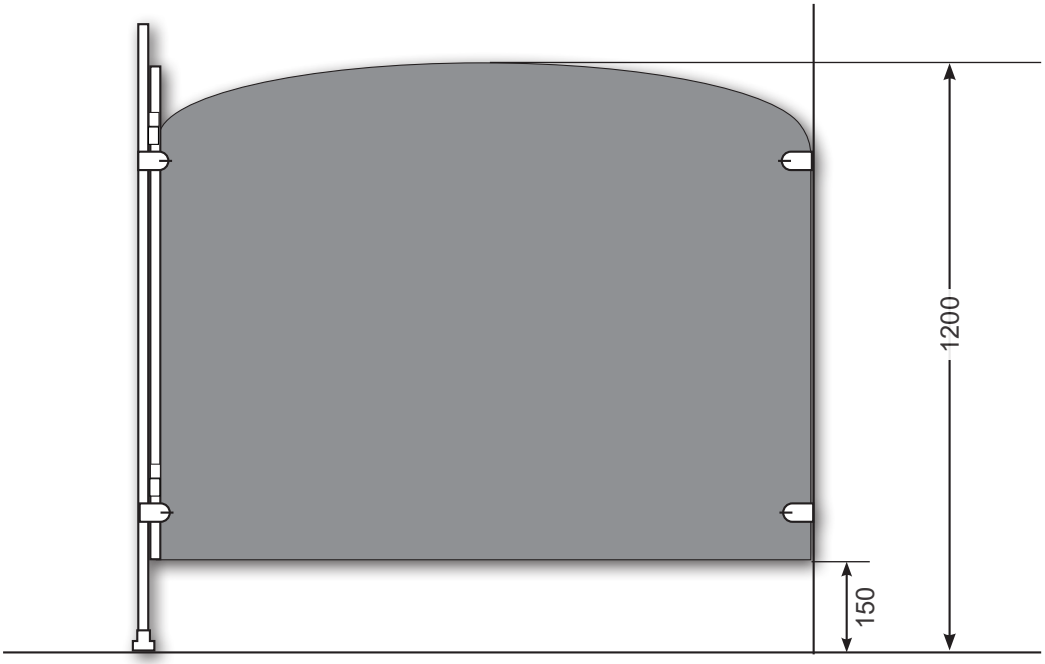
Separate toilet facilities for girls and boys aged 8 years +. Where there is a unisex provision privacy must be ensured



Changing facilities with showers for students over 11 years of age who receive physical education

# Kinder Cubicle Range




Some settings may prefer wider cubicles to allow sufficient space for an adult to assist a child to use the toilet.

## Perfect for:

School Based Nurseries

15 YEAR WARRANTY*

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# Sanitaryware Provision

## Toilet Facility (2-3 years)

| Specification Code | Provision | Floor/Wall | Dimension | Height from Floor |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| SANT001 | Toilet Pan (without seat) | Floor | Variable | 305 |
| SANE001 | Soap Dispenser | Wall | Variable | 600 from underside |
| SANE002 | Toilet Paper Dispenser | Wall | Variable | 500 from underside |
| SANT002 | Hand Wash Basin | Floor | 500 x 400 | 500 |
| SANT003 | 2 Person Washtrough | Floor | 1000 x 400 | 500 |
| SANT004 | 3 Person Washtrough | Floor | 1500 x 400 | 500 |
| SANE003 | Hand Dryer | Wall | Variable | 650 |
| SANE004 | Paper Towel Dispenser | Wall | Variable | 800 from underside |
| SANE005 | Mirror (above basin) | Wall | 500 x 600 | 750 |

## Accessible Toilet

| Specification Code | Provision | Floor/Wall | Dimension | Height from Floor |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| SANE006 | Mirror (full height) | Wall | 1500 x 600 | 600 |
| SANA001 | Accessible WC Pan | Floor | Variable | 335 |
| SANAE01 | WC Horizontal Grab Rail | Wall | N/A | 500 |
| SANAE02 | WC Vertical Grab Rail | Wall | N/A | 680 |
| SANT001 | Toilet Pan (without seat) | Floor | Variable | 305 |
| SANA002 | Height Adjustable Hand Wash Basin | Wall | Variable | N/A |
| SANAE03 | Wash Basin Grab Rail | Wall | N/A | N/A |

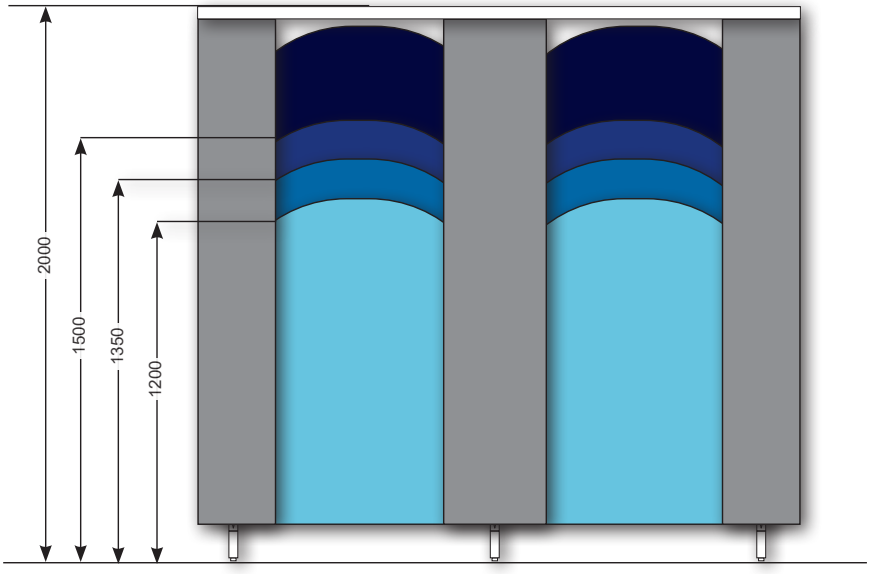
# Cloakrooms

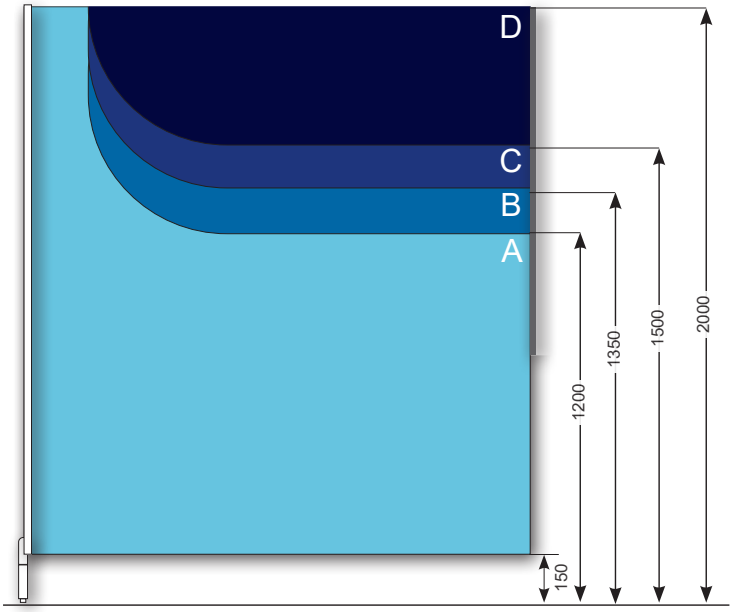
Cloakrooms should provide sufficient space and appropriate fittings to allow older children to remove their coat and, where appropriate, hang it on a peg. Some settings require children to remove their shoes so appropriate benching should also be provided.

Younger children will need adults to help them so pegs can be at adult height. Some settings require parents/carers to provide and drop off nappies or spare clothing so sufficient storage next to the pegs should also be allowed for.

| Item | 0-1 years | 1-2 years | 2-3 years |
|---|---|---|---|
| Peg Height | 1600 | 1600 | 800 |
| Bench Height | N/A | 220 | 250 |
| Bench Depth | N/A | 300 | 300 |

# Junior Cubicle Range




Height A - Reception
Height B - KS1
Height C - KS1-2
Height D - KS2+

## Perfect for:

Reception | Keystage 1-2

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# Sanitaryware Provision

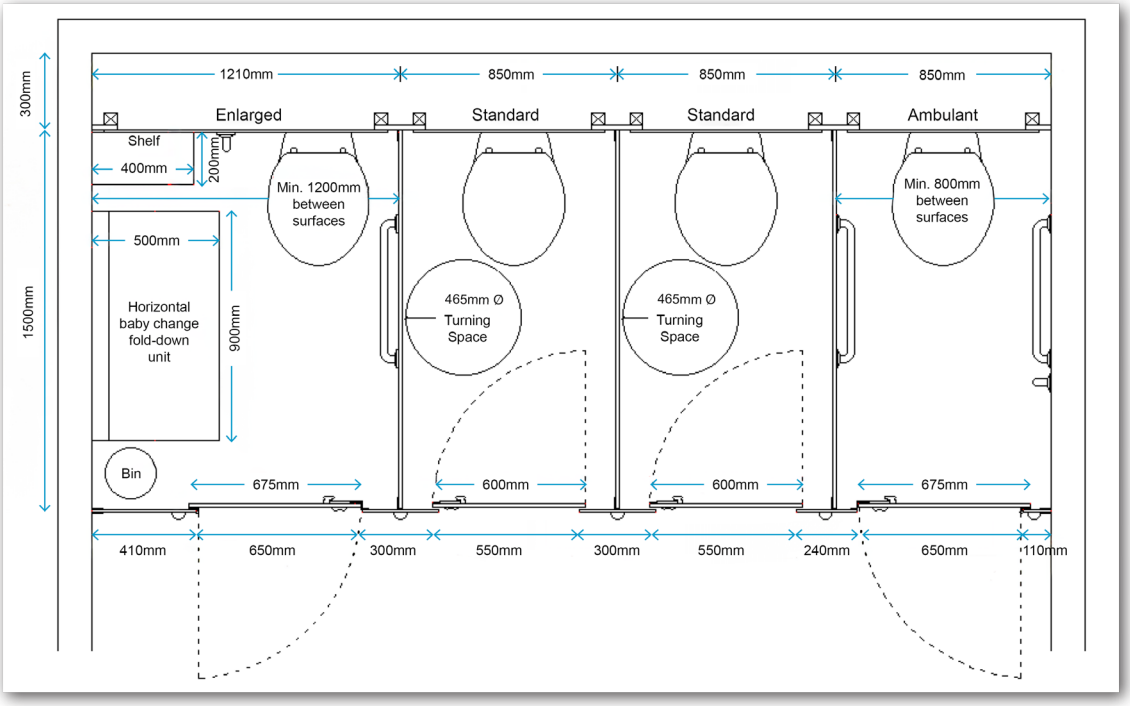
## Toilet Facility

| Specification Code | Provision | Floor/Wall | Dimension | Height from Floor: KS1 (age 5-7) | Height from Floor: KS2 (age 7-11) | Height from Floor: Primary (age 11-14) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| SANT001 | Toilet Pan (without seat) | Floor | Variable | 355 | 355 | 355 |
| SANE001 | Soap Dispenser | Wall | Variable | 900 | 900 | 900 |
| SANE002 | Toilet Paper Dispenser | Wall | Variable | 550 | 600 | 600 |
| SANT002 | Hand Wash Basin | Floor | 500 x 400 | 700 | 750 | 750 |
| SANT003 | 2 Person Washtrough | Floor | 1000 x 400 | 700 | 700 | 750 |
| SANT004 | 3 Person Washtrough | Floor | 1500 x 400 | 700 | 750 | 750 |
| SANE003 | Hand Dryer | Wall | Variable | 775 | 850 | 850 |
| SANE004 | Paper Towel Dispenser | Wall | Variable | 775 | 850 | 850 |
| SANE005 | Mirror (above basin) | Wall | 500 x 600 | 900 | 950 | 950 |

## Accessible Toilet

| Specification Code | Provision | Floor/Wall | Dimension | Height from Floor: KS1 (age 5-7) | Height from Floor: KS2 (age 7-11) | Height from Floor: Primary (age 11-14) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| SANE006 | Mirror (full height) | Wall | 1500 x 600 | 600 | 600 | 600 |
| SANE007 | Sanitary Towel Dispenser | Wall | Variable | N/A | 850 - 1000 | 850 - 1000 |
| SANA001 | Accessible WC Pan | Floor | Variable | 395 | 395 | 335/395 |
| SANAE01 | WC Horizontal Grab Rail | Wall | N/A | 500 | 500 | 680 |
| SANAE02 | WC Vertical Grab Rail | Wall | N/A | 680 | 680 | 800 |
| SANT001 | Toilet Pan (without seat) | Floor | Variable | 355 | 355 | 305/355 |
| SANA002 | Height Adjustable Hand Wash Basin | Wall | Variable | N/A | N/A | 580 - 1020 |
| SANAE03 | Wash Basin Grab Rail | Wall | N/A | N/A | N/A | 800 |

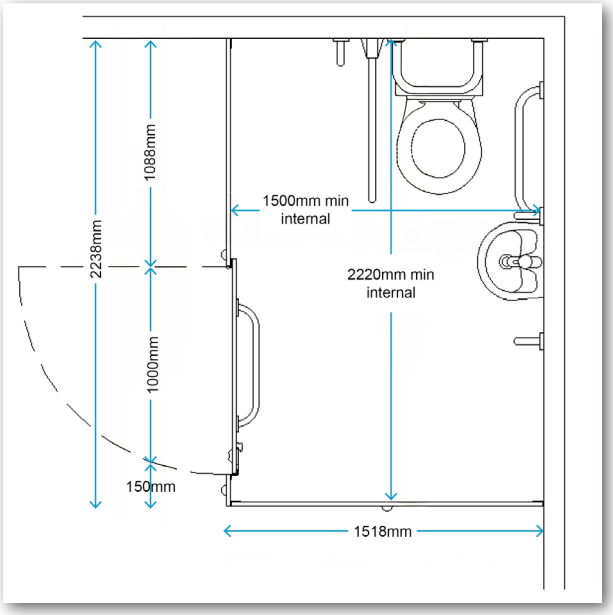
# School Toilet and Shower Cubicle Sizes




Toilet Cubicle Sizes

Standard cubicles should be at least 1500mm x 800mm

Standard shower cubicles should be 1800mm x 900mm




Wheelchair Accessible Cubicles

# Regulatory References

This guide is designed to support the specification and design of washrooms in nurseries and schools, referencing current UK regulations and best practice. For further detail, please consult the following documents:

- The School Premises (England) Regulations 2012 - Sets out legal requirements for toilet and washing facilities in maintained schools, including separate facilities for boys and girls aged 8+, and suitable provision for disabled pupils. Standards for school premises.
- Education (Independent School Standards) Regulations 2014 - Requires independent schools and academies to provide adequate and accessible toilet and washing facilities. Toilets in schools (Child Law Advice).
- Department for Education (DfE) Advice on Standards for School Premises - Non-statutory guidance covering handwashing facilities, water temperature limits, accessibility, lighting, ventilation, and supervision. DfE Advice on Standards for School Premises (PDF).
- Building Bulletin 103: Area Guidelines for Mainstream Schools - Recommends ratios for toilets and washbasins by age group, changing facilities for PE, and accessible cubicle/shower sizes. BB103 Area Guidelines (PDF).
- Equality Act 2010 & SEND Guidance - Requires reasonable adjustments for disabled pupils, including accessible toilets and features for pupils with special educational needs. SEN and Disability Guidance for Schools (GOV.UK).
- Early Years Design Guidance - A primer for school based nurseries.

Disclaimer: This guide is provided as a resource to support the specification and design of washrooms in nurseries and schools, referencing current UK regulations and best practice. It remains the responsibility of the specifier, designer, or responsible party to ensure that all washroom installations comply with the latest statutory requirements, local authority guidance, and any specific needs of the building or its users. Regulations and standards may be updated, and site-specific factors may require additional consideration.

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