



Washroom Guide for Schools

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There is a lot to consider when refurbishing your school's washrooms. So to help we have created this handy guide that answers the following questions and much more:



What washroom facilities should your school be providing?



What are the current UK government regulations?



What are the standard measurements of toilet cubicles?



Do Ofsted assess the school washroom facilities?

This guide has been created by Cubicle Centre to provide you with the best information for your school washroom refurbishment.

Cubicle Centre is an award winning, family run business. We specialise in the manufacture of washroom panel products with some of the shortest lead times in the cubicle industry.

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“The quality of the washrooms is exceptional which supports the positive learning environment here at Thornton”

John McGinnis CIPFA, Business and Facilities Manager

Case Study

Thornton Grammar School

Founded in 1673, Thornton Grammar School rejoices in its proud heritage. 1,500 pupils enjoy the school's triple specialist status in Sport, Science and Applied Learning.

The school wanted to provide the pupils with a superior washroom environment. Cubicle Centre recommended the *Privacy* cubicle range.

From nurseries to universities, from academies to boarding schools. Cubicle Centre have supplied washroom products to hundreds of schools across the UK.



The Right to Go School Toilet Charter

ERIC launched the Right to Go campaign in early 2014 to highlight every child's right to good care for a continence problem at school and to access safe and hygienic toilet facilities.

For information and resources visit: www.eric.org.uk/Campaigns/TheRightToGo



All schools should provide:



Unrestricted access to a toilet, whenever the need arises. This means no school should have a policy of not allowing children to use the toilet during lesson times.



Sanitary towel disposal units in all female cubicles (where age appropriate in both primary and secondary schools), serviced on a regular basis.



Adequate numbers of facilities for both female and male users which ensure sufficient privacy.



An effective toilet supervision regime to ensure proper standards of provision and management throughout normal hours of usage.



Dedicated unisex toilets, or female and male toilet cubicles, properly equipped, for users with special needs.



An effective toilet cleaning/inspection regime to ensure adequate standards of hygiene, behaviour and cleanliness, throughout normal hours of usage.



Properly designed toilet and washroom facilities, suitable for the range of anticipated users, with adequate lighting, ventilation, fixtures and fittings.



A published school toilet management policy approved by school governors and pupils, and communicated to all pupils, parents/guardians and staff.



Hot water, ideally from a mixer tap, with adequate provision for soap and hand drying facilities.



A child friendly comments/complaints procedure, for pupils, parents/guardians and staff to communicate toilet concerns or grievances to the head teacher and/or school governors.



Toilet tissue dispensers provided at a convenient height, replenished as needed throughout normal hours of usage.

Ofsted Love Outstanding Washrooms

After all the preparation for an Ofsted inspection can you imagine being marked down because you are missing some toilet signs?

Here are some comments made on existing Ofsted reports where schools washrooms fell short and how to easily avoid these mistakes.

“The water temperature from some taps was too hot”

Regulations state that 43°C is generally the maximum temperature for hot water to avoid risk of scalding.

“There were not enough signs to show clearly whether facilities were to be used by boys or girls”

Easy. Get some male or female signs and attach them where they will be visible.

“Pupil’s privacy was not always being fully maintained”

Open plan or easily viewable hand washing areas are recommended to reduce anti-social behaviour. But toilet cubicles should be out of direct view from circulation areas, with a locking door. Urinals can also be separated by modesty screens.

“There were inadequate arrangements for the disposal of sanitary towels”

There should be sanitary towel disposal units in all female cubicles (where age appropriate in both primary and secondary schools), serviced on a regular basis.

“Insufficient paper towels and soap were available in the washroom”

Create an effective washroom cleaning/inspection regime to ensure the facilities are clean and stocked.

“The school failed to meet regulations in relation to the sufficiency and condition of the school’s washrooms and lavatories”

More of a general one, but you can find the regulations from The Department of Education on pages 16-17.

How many Toilets and Washbasins should you provide?

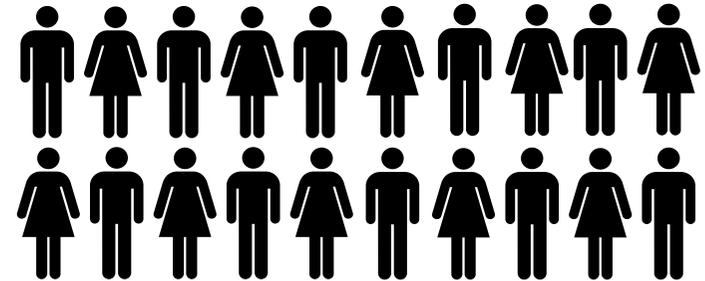
Nursery - Foundation Stage (5 years old and under)

Sanitary appliance	Number of sanitary appliances
WC	1 per 10 pupils or part thereof, not less than 4
Washbasin	1 per WC



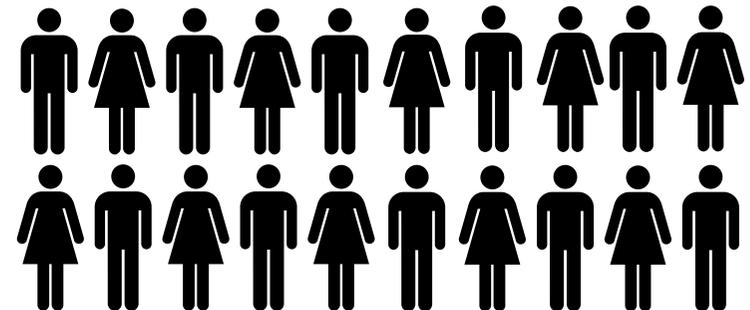
Primary - Key Stage 1 & 2 (age 5 – 11 years)

Sanitary appliance	Number of sanitary appliances
WC	1 per 20 pupils or part thereof
Washbasin	1 per WC

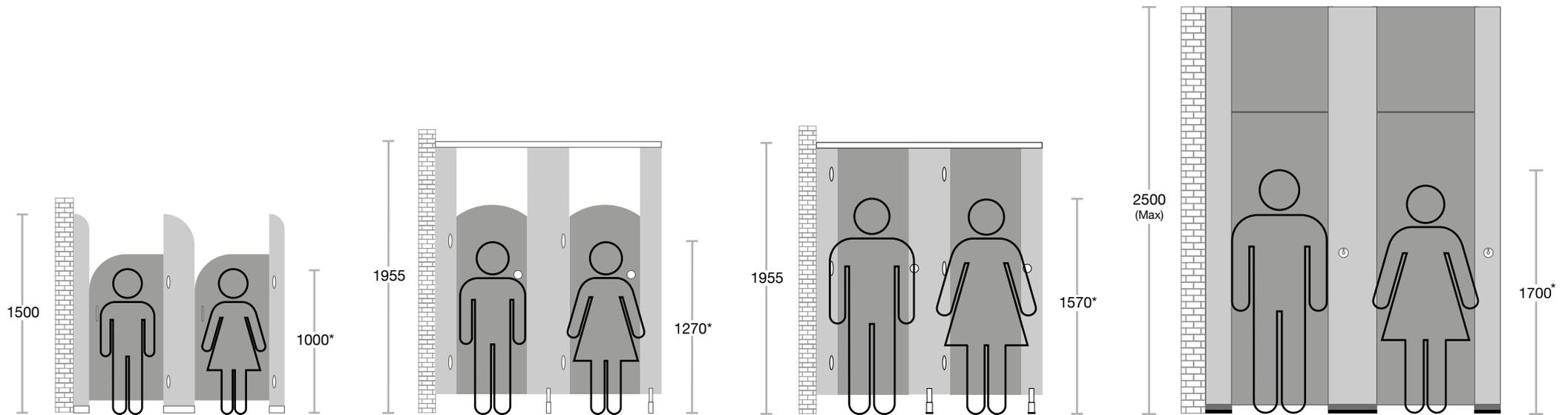


Secondary - Key Stage 3 & above (age 11+ years)

Sanitary appliance	Number of sanitary appliances
Boys' WC	1 per 20 pupils or part thereof
Girls' WC	1 per 20 pupils or part thereof
Washbasin	1 per WC where there are up to 3 appliances; 2 per 3 WC where there are more than 3 appliances
Showers & Changing Facilities	Must be provided when pupils are over 11 years old and receive Physical Education



Toilet Cubicles by Age and Height



Sydney®
Pre-School Toilet Cubicles

For ages 3 - 7

Ideal cubicle system for:

- Foundation Stage
- Infant Schools
- Nurseries
- Daycare Centres
- Pre-schools

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* Average height of 3.5 year olds girls 1007mm, boys 1020mm

Brecon®
Junior School Toilet Cubicles

For ages 5 - 13

Ideal cubicle system for:

- Junior Schools
- Primary Schools
- Middle Schools

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* Average height of 7 year olds girls 1252mm, boys 1266mm

Cairngorm®
Anti-Vandal Cubicles

For ages 9+

Ideal cubicle system for:

- High / Secondary Schools
- Universities
- Shower Cubicles
- Changing Rooms
- Staff Washrooms

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* Average height of 12 year olds girls 1553mm, boys 1540mm

Privacy™
Full Height Toilet Cubicles

For ages 13+

Ideal cubicle system for:

- High / Secondary Schools
- Universities
- Staff Washrooms
- Where privacy is important

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* Average height of 15 year olds girls 1671mm, boys 1744mm

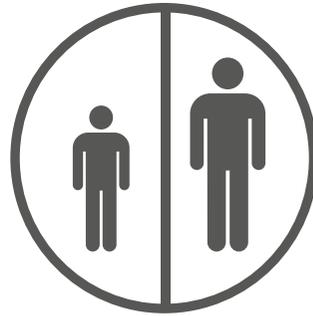
* Average heights taken from onaverage.co.uk

Early Years Foundation Stage Advice

Nurseries | Pre-Schools | Children's Centres | **Ages 3 - 5**



Unisex washrooms are okay for pupils under 8 years old



Toilet areas for staff must be separate from the pupil's toilet areas



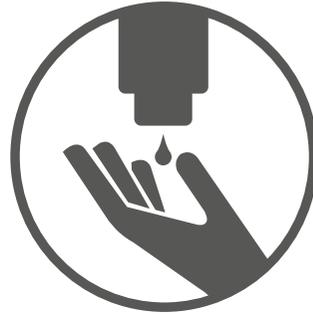
Lower height toilet pans and wash basins are recommended



As many wash basins as toilets are required



Ensure there are suitable hygienic changing facilities for changing any children who are in nappies



Liquid soap dispensers and disposable hand towels are best for young children



Self closing taps can reduce the risk of the sinks overflowing



Urinals are not recommended

Recommended Product for Early Years Foundation Stage

Sydney® Pre-School Toilet Cubicles

Sydney cubicles are fun, unique and safe. The curved doors and partitions make the washroom exciting. A magnetic door catch means children of all ages can easily use the cubicles without fear of catching their fingers.



Why are these cubicles perfect for your Nursery?

- ✓ Unique curved design
- ✓ Low-height doors so teachers can supervise children
- ✓ Magnetic door catches for easy use and so small fingers won't get squished
- ✓ Melamine Faced Chipboard (MFC) panels with an extra thick edging of 2mm PVC keep your panels pristine for longer
- ✓ Rounded and sealed edges protect against moisture

These cubicles are manufactured to order so you can adjust dimensions to suit your space. Nationwide despatch is usually within 10 to 15 working days.

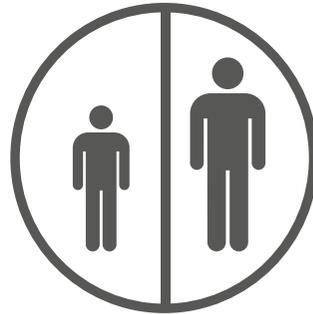
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Primary School Advice

Key Stage 1 & 2 | **Ages 5 - 11**



Unisex washrooms are okay for pupils under 8 years old



Toilet areas for staff must be separate from the pupil's toilet areas



Cubicles should be able to lock from the inside



As many wash basins as toilets are required



Sanitary towel disposal units in all female cubicles (where age appropriate in both primary and secondary schools)



Liquid soap dispensers and disposable hand towels are the most hygienic option



Self closing taps can reduce the risk of the sinks overflowing



Urinals are not recommended but if used, modesty screens should be installed

Recommended Product for Key Stage 1 & 2

Brecon® Junior School Toilet Cubicles

The *Brecon* range is the most popular choice for junior schools.

Choose from square, arch, or reverse-curve door profiles, and from a range of vibrant colours – Blueberry, Mango and Dragon Fruit are popular options.



Why are these cubicles perfect for your Junior School pupils?

- ✓ Rounded and sealed edges protect against moisture
- ✓ Anti-trap hinges create a gap between the door and panel, so small fingers won't get squished
- ✓ Melamine Faced Chipboard (MFC) panels with an extra thick edging of 2mm PVC keep your panels pristine for longer
- ✓ Low-height doors so teachers can supervise children

These cubicles are manufactured to order so you can adjust dimensions to suit your space. Water and vandal-proof panels also available.

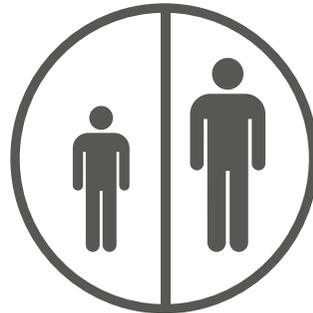
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Secondary School Advice

Key Stage 3 & above | **Ages 11 +**



Unisex washrooms are not recommended for children over 8 years old



Toilet areas for staff must be separate from the pupil's toilet areas



Water proof and vandal resistant cubicle panels are beneficial



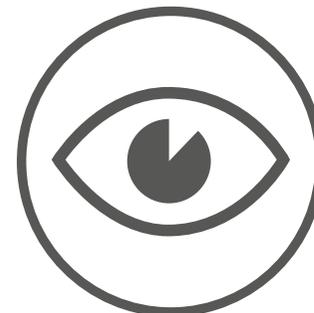
As many wash basins as toilets are required



Changing facilities and showers must be provided for pupils over 11 who do Physical Education



Liquid soap dispensers and disposable hand towels are the most hygienic option



Hand washing areas can be passively supervised but cubicles should be fully private



Urinals are not recommended but if used, modesty screens should be installed

Recommended Product for Key Stage 3 and above

Cairngorm® Anti-Vandal Cubicle System

Cairngorm is suitable for wet environments where hygiene is important, such as hospitals, sports and leisure centres. This range is also popular in high-traffic locations prone to vandalism such as schools, camping sites, railway stations, and motorway services.



Cairngorm can be installed as a shower or toilet cubicle. This product is made-to-measure to optimise the space you have available.

Why are these cubicles able to withstand tough environments?

- ✓ Kick-proof panels – sold for over 10 years
- ✓ Anti-vandal fittings to keep your washrooms in working order
- ✓ Resistant to most detergents for easy cleaning and hygiene – you can even wash off graffiti
- ✓ Anti-rust fittings and waterproof panels to prevent mildew and bacteria growth
- ✓ Disabled friendly door latches

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Recommended Product for Key Stage 3 and above

Privacy™ Full Height Toilet Cubicles

Durability combined with a functional, clean design make this full height WC cubicle system a winning formula for modern commercial washrooms. Panels are secured with full length aluminium wall and floor channels and no fixings are visible from the exterior of the cubicles.

Why these cubicles are perfect for your Secondary School?

- ✓ Full height system for complete user privacy
- ✓ Kick-proof panels – sold for over 10 years
- ✓ Anti-vandal fittings to keep your washrooms in working order
- ✓ Resistant to most detergents for easy cleaning and hygiene – you can even wash off graffiti
- ✓ Anti-rust fittings and waterproof panels to prevent mildew and bacteria growth



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These cubicles are manufactured to order so you can adjust dimensions to suit your space. Nationwide despatch is usually within 15 to 20 working days.

Disabled Toilet Advice

For all schools and ages



Disabled toilets are usually separate from other washrooms



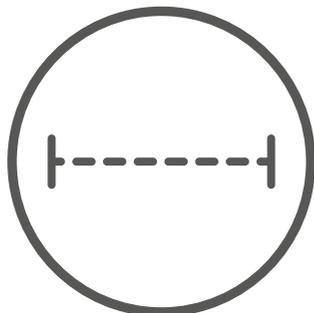
Disabled toilets may also be used by visitors, staff and other pupils



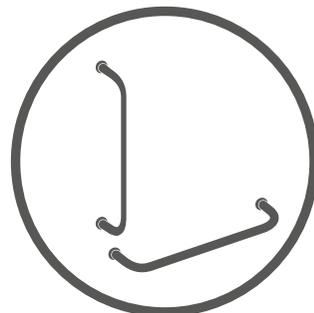
They must be able to be secured from the inside



Each disabled cubicle must have a toilet and sink inside



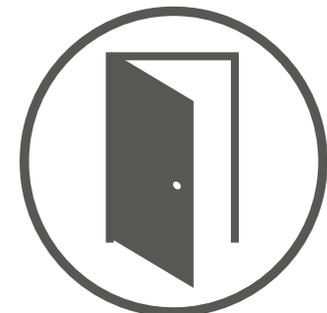
The number and location of disabled toilets should ensure a reasonable travel distance



Appropriate disabled fittings and grab rails must be provided



They should be accessible without having to change floors



The disabled toilet door should open outwardly into a circulation space

Washroom Regulations - Department of Education

Here is a summary of the regulations relating to school washrooms taken from "Advice on Standards for School Premises (2013)"

Toilet and washing facilities

- Suitable toilet and washing facilities are provided for the sole use of pupils.
- Separate toilet facilities for boys and girls aged 8 years or over are provided except where the toilet facility is provided in a room that can be secured from the inside and that is intended for use by one pupil at a time.
- Suitable changing accommodation and showers are provided for pupils aged 11 years or over at the start of the school year who receive physical education.

Staff washrooms

- Toilets and washing facilities for staff may also be used by visitors.
- They should be separate from those provided for pupils, except where they are designed for use by those who are disabled.

Toilet facilities need to ensure that:

- Hand washing facilities are provided within or in the immediate vicinity of every toilet.
- The room containing them are adequately ventilated and lit.
- They are located in areas around the school that provide easy access for pupils and allow for informal supervision by staff, without compromising pupils' privacy.

Changing accommodation and showers

- It is preferable for showers to be in areas separated from toilets.
- They need to provide adequate privacy for pupils.

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Facilities for disabled pupils

- Each toilet for disabled pupils needs to contain one toilet and one washbasin (possibly a shower or other wash down fitting).
- Have a door opening directly onto a circulation space that is not a staircase.
- The number and location of accessible toilets will be sufficient to ensure a reasonable travel distance for users that does not involve changing floors.

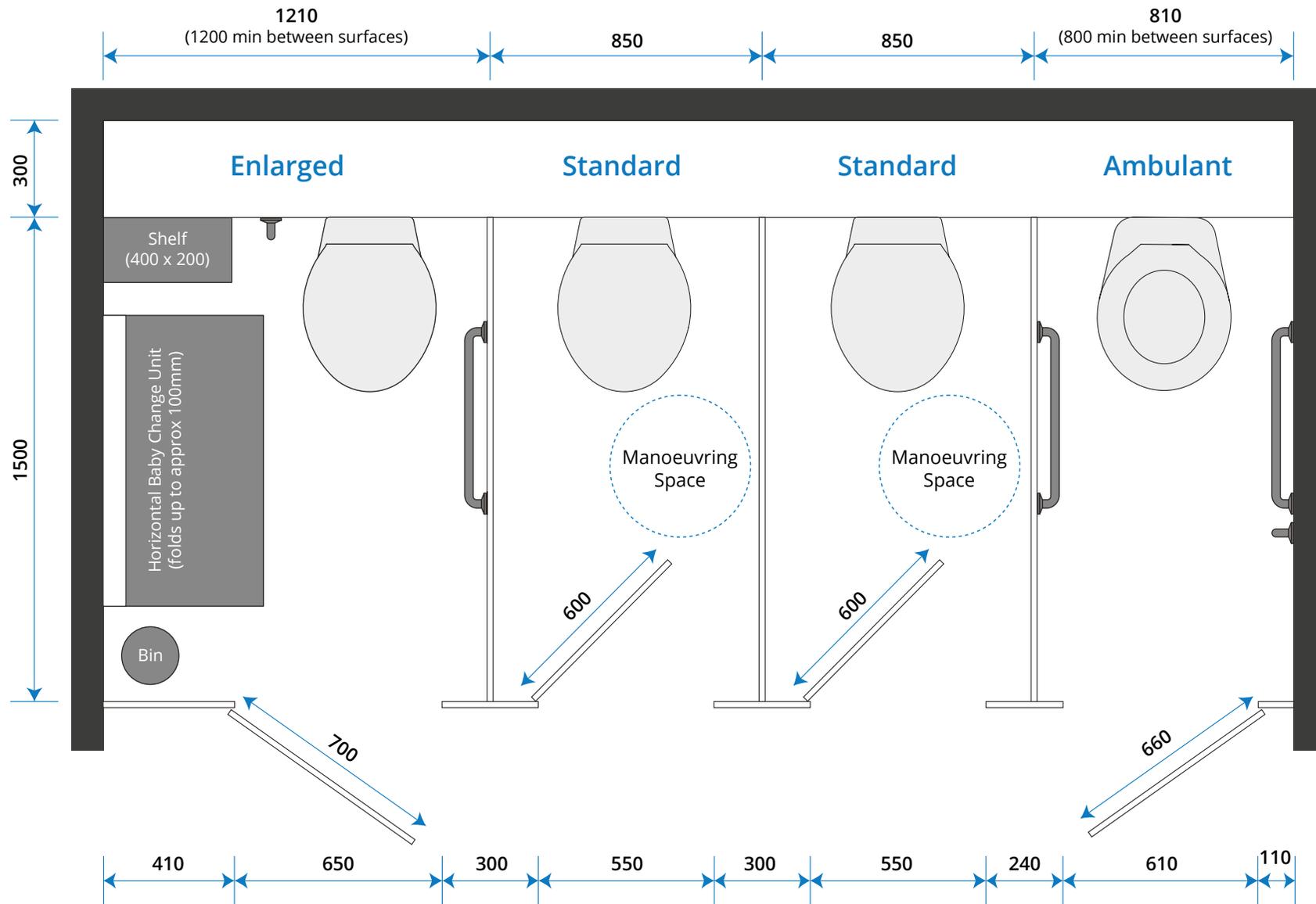
Numbers of fittings

- The regulations do not set the minimum number of fittings to be provided in relation to the ages and numbers of pupils.
- Generally the needs of younger pupils are likely to be greater than those for older ones.
- A provision of **one toilet and washbasin for every ten pupils under 5 years old** would be adequate.
- That ratio could be doubled for pupils **aged 5 -11 to one toilet and washbasin for every 20 pupils.**
- For pupils **over 11 one toilet per 20 pupils would be sufficient**, but there is scope to reduce the number of washbasins where the washing facilities are shared.

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Toilet Cubicle Sizes

(Universal Access Guidelines)



Toilet Cubicle Sizes - Explained



Enlarged WC Cubicles:

Where there are 4 or more cubicles in a washroom, one of these must be an enlarged cubicle.

Enlarged cubicles must be a minimum width of 1200mm and include an outward opening door.

A horizontal and vertical grab rail set is required around the WC.



Standard Toilet Cubicles:

All standard cubicles must now have a minimum of 450mm diameter manoeuvring space within the cubicle.

Indicator-bolts must be capable of being operated with a closed fist (single action) - and doors must allow for emergency access should the user collapse and become trapped in the cubicle.



Ambulant Disabled Cubicles:

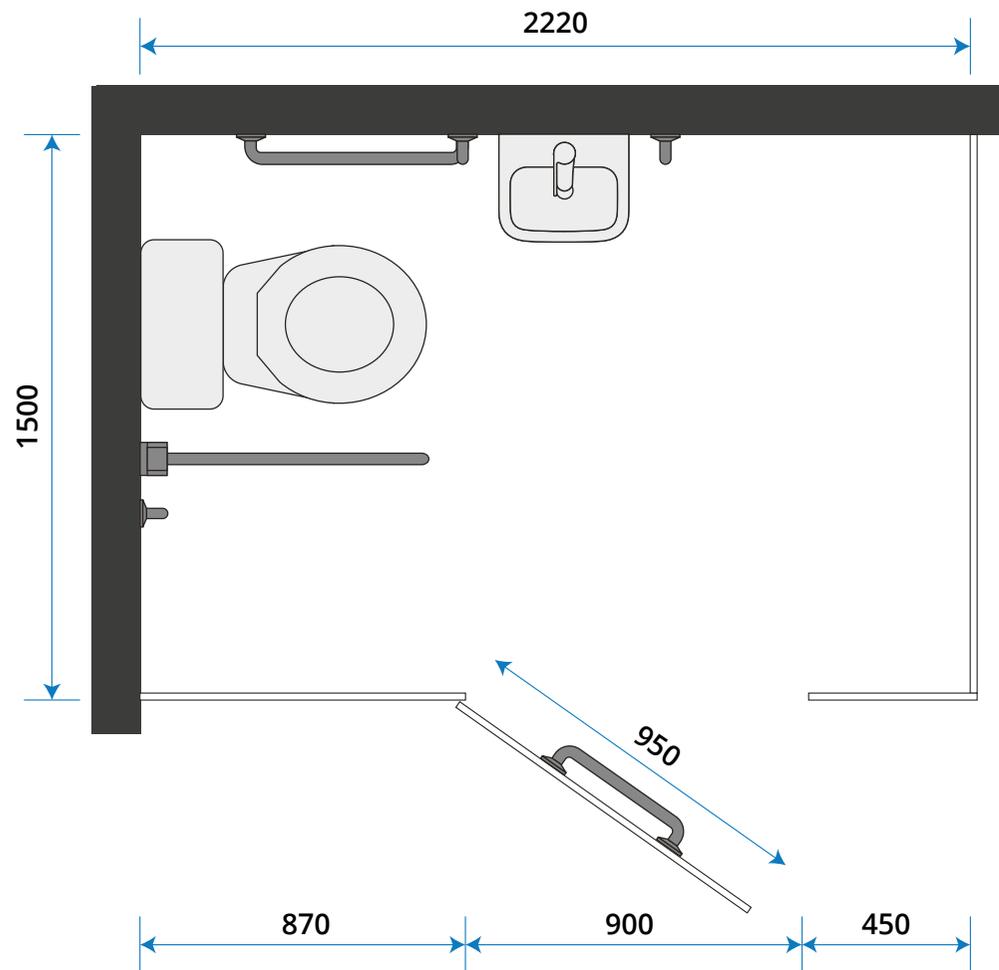
Every same-sex washroom must have at least one wc cubicle that is suitable for the ambulant disabled.

If there is only one cubicle in the washroom this must be suitable for an ambulant disabled person.

The ambulant disabled cubicle must include an outward opening door.

Toilet Cubicle Sizes

(Universal Access Guidelines)



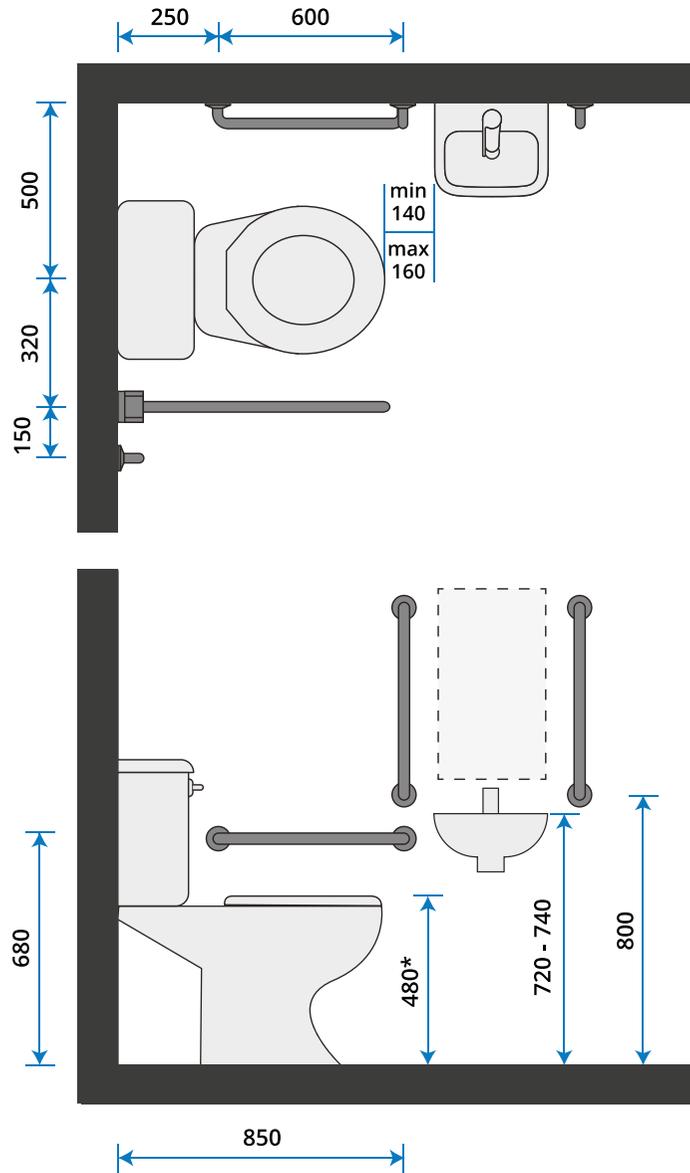
Wheelchair Accessible Cubicles:

The wheelchair accessible layout has been modified to accommodate an overall toilet cubicle length of 2220mm (previously 2000mm).

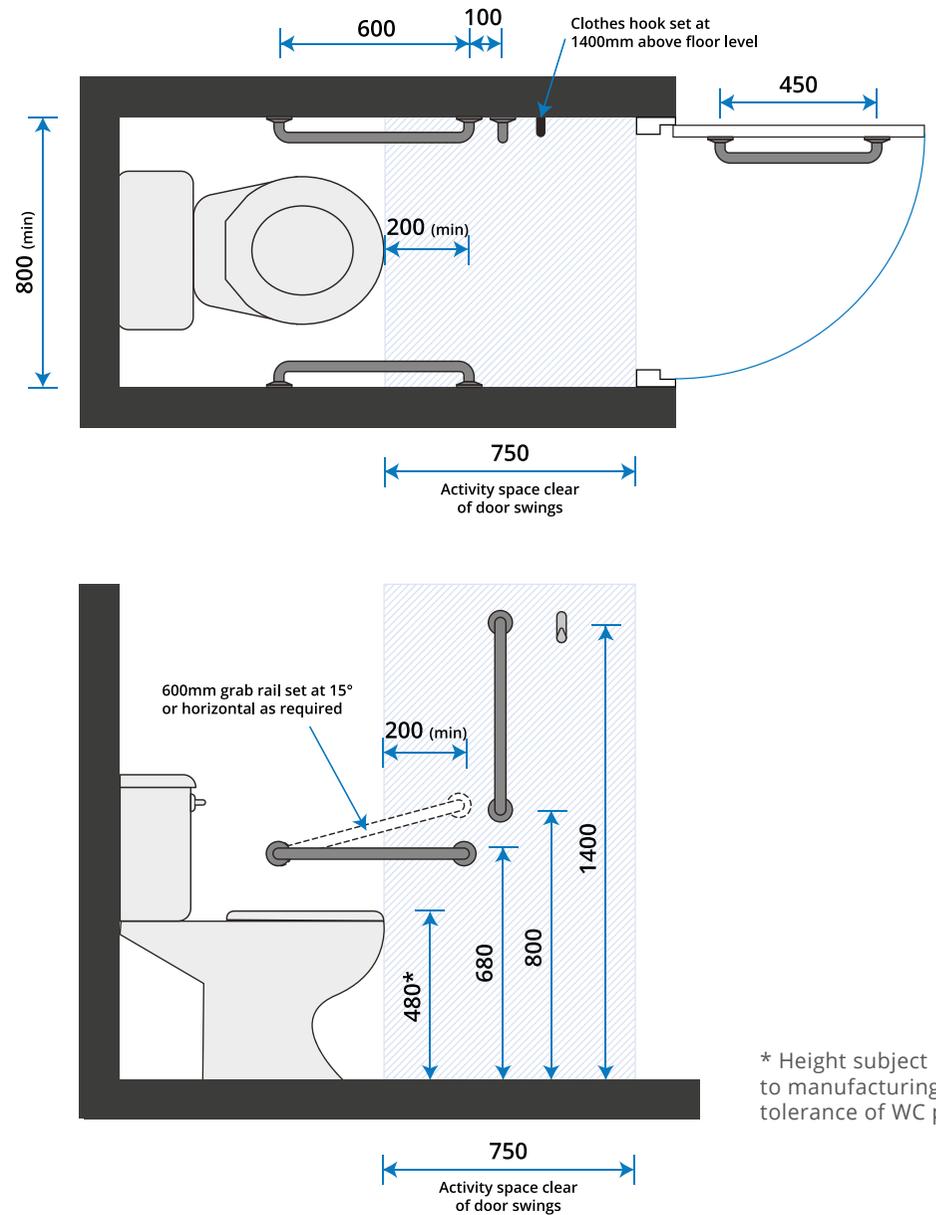
The door opening needs to be 900mm with a 950mm (wide) outward opening door.

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Wheelchair Accessible Toilet



Ambulant Disabled Cubicles

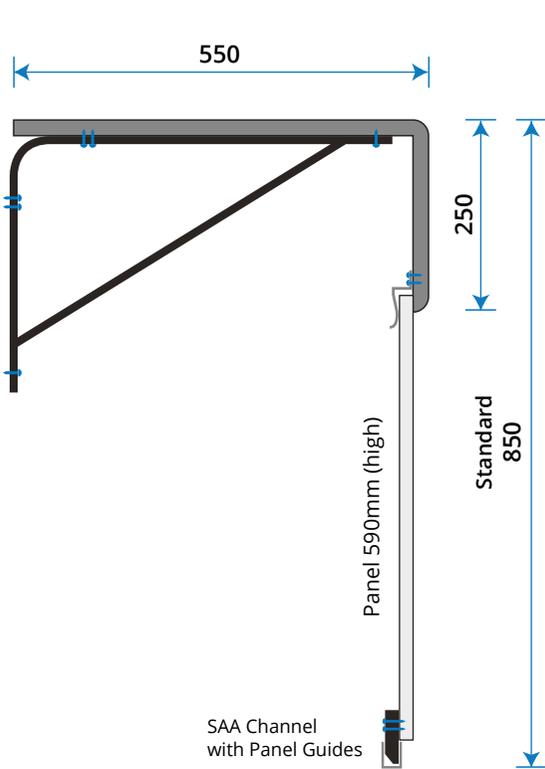


* Height subject to manufacturing tolerance of WC pan

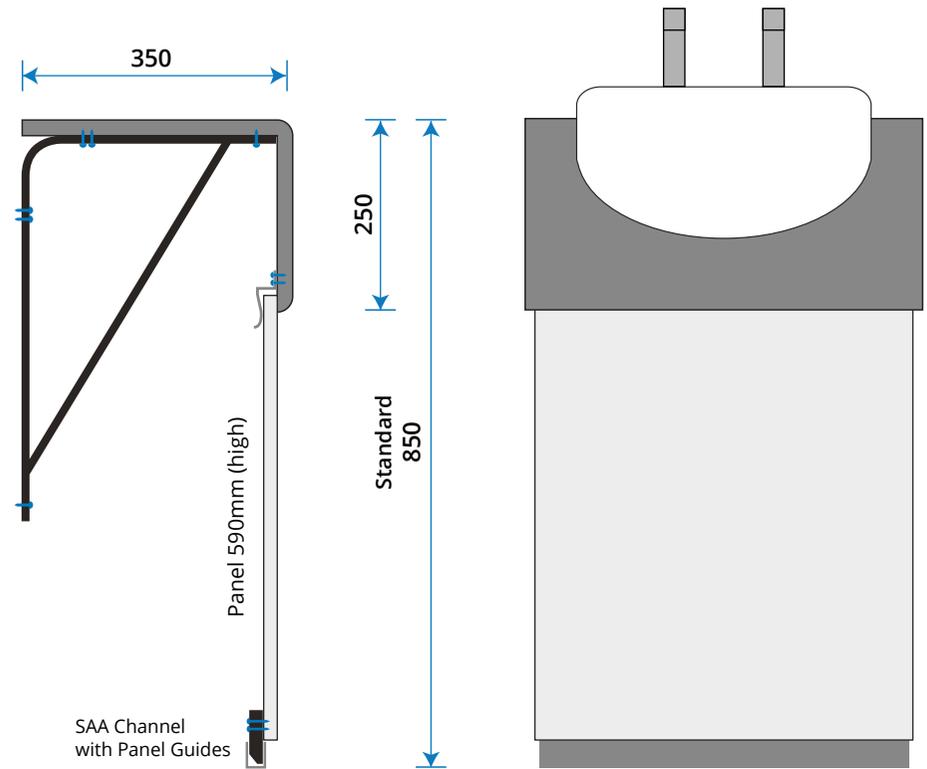
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Vanity Units Sizes

Inset Vanity Unit

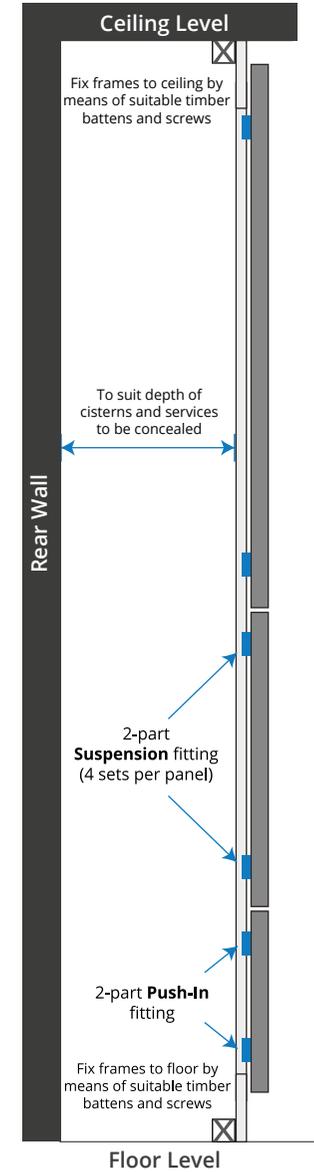
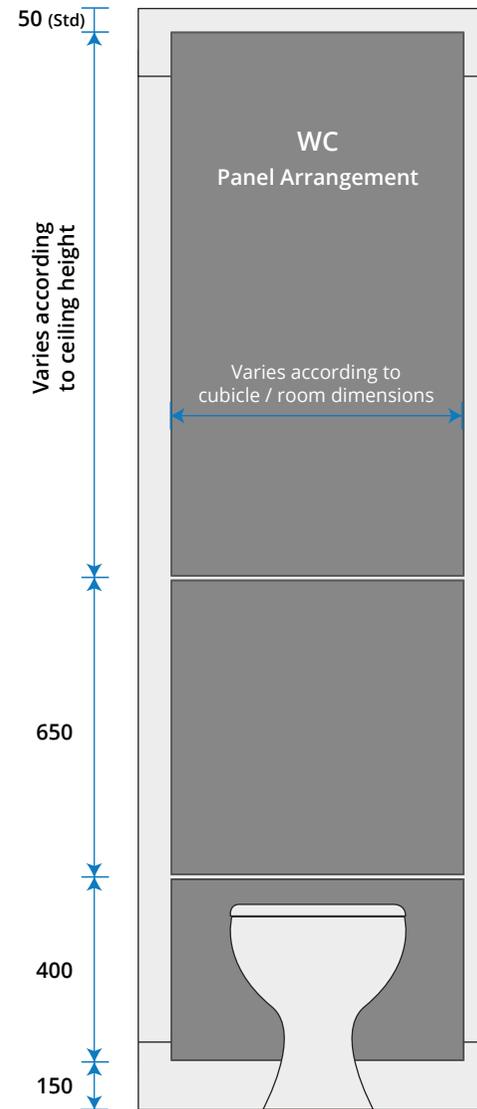
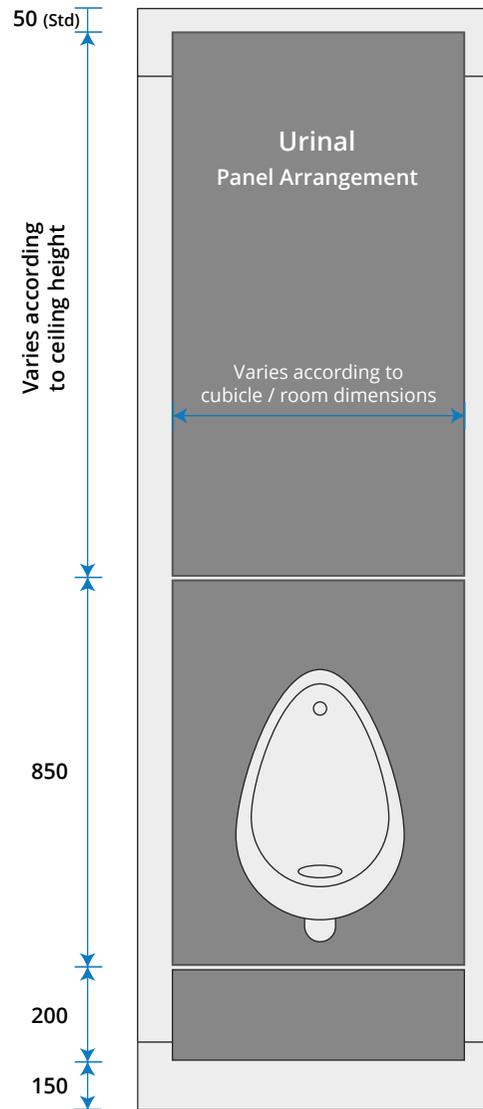
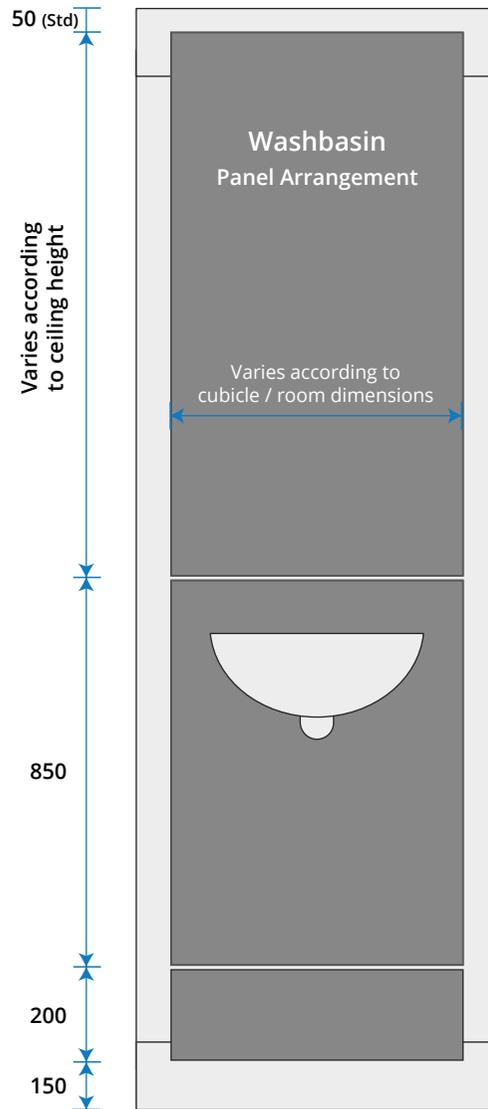


Semi-Recessed Vanity Unit



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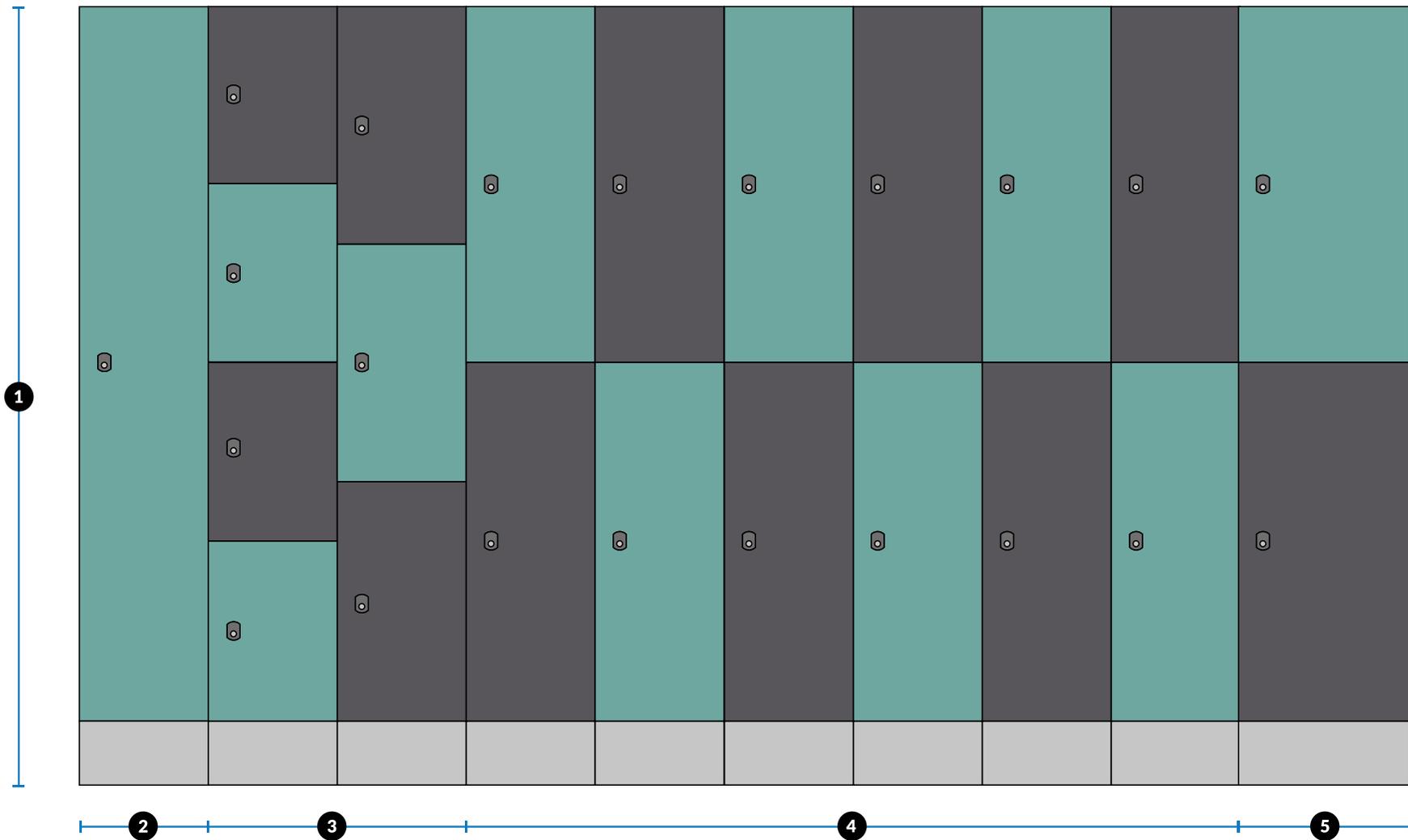
Wall Panels Sizes



Timber frame supplied by other

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Locker Layouts and Sizes



1 Lockers are generally 1800mm high x 300mm wide and 450-600mm deep.

2 10% of lockers should be 'full-height' to accommodate mobility aids

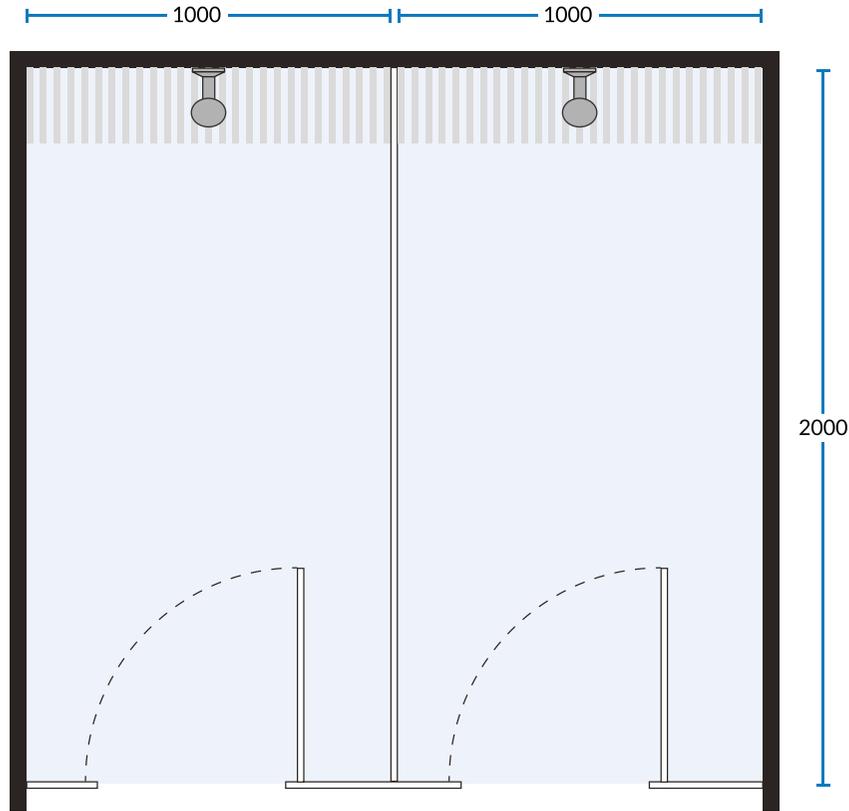
3 Quarter-height and third-height are an option if required

4 50-70% of the total locker provision should be half-height

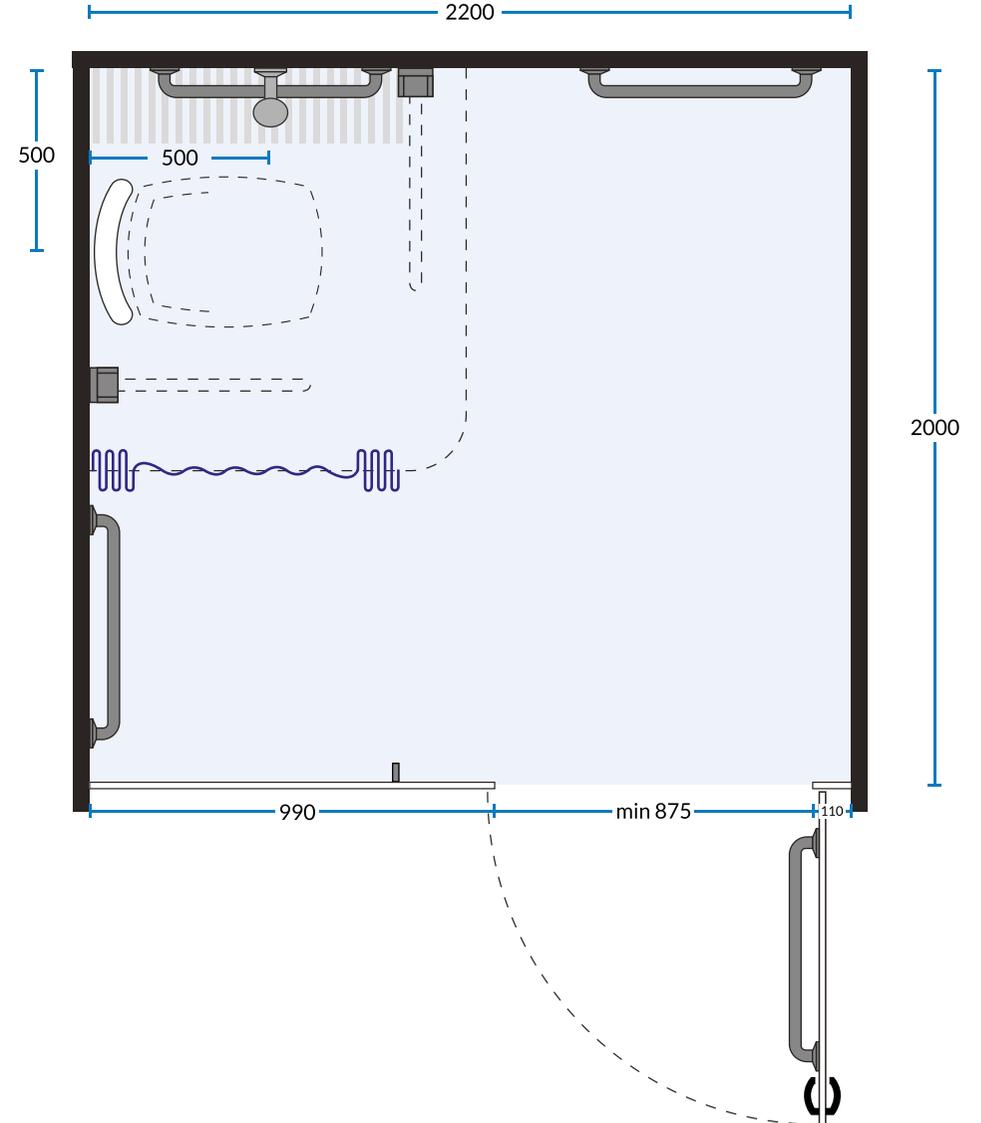
5 A proportion of lockers should be 400mm wide for sports bags.

Shower Sizes

Single person shower cubicles



Disabled shower cubicle



Measurements in mm.
Diagrams recreated from [Sports England - Swimming Pools](#)

Sanitary Ware For Your School



Toilet Pans

A range of toilet pans are available in either Back-to-wall or Close coupled. Various pan heights also include junior, infant and low-level sizes.

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Basin Taps

A selection of basin taps including Push-Button, Self-Closing and Sensor taps.

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Vanity Wash Basins Packs

Supplied with your choice of INSET or SEMI-RECESSED type wash basins and also includes Taps, Basin Waste, and Bottle Trap.

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Sporting Shower Panel

Durable and vandal proof. A soft-touch button make for ease of use and have water savings of 80% compared with conventional showers.

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Washroom Accessories

All the accessories you will need for your school facilities. Hooks, soap dispensers, hand dryers and toilet roll holders.

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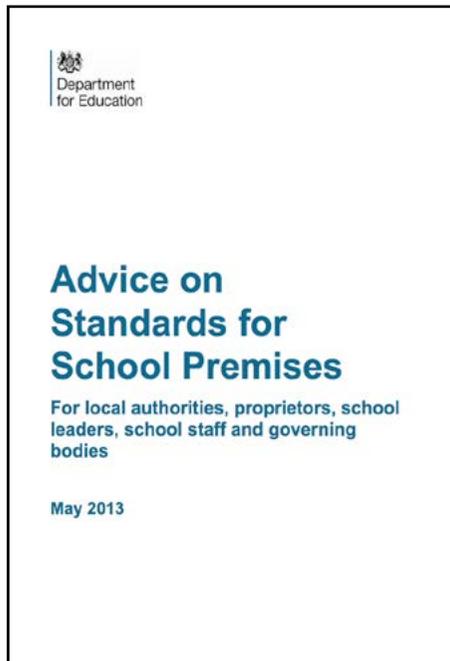
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In commercial washrooms, at least one WC cubicle in a range of separate sex WC's should be provided for use by the ambulant disabled.

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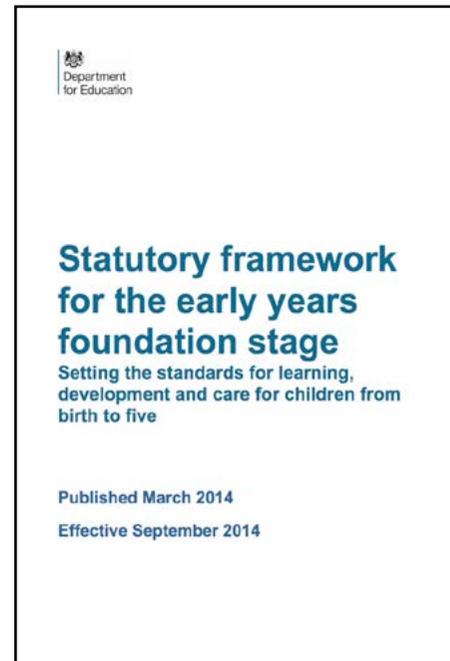
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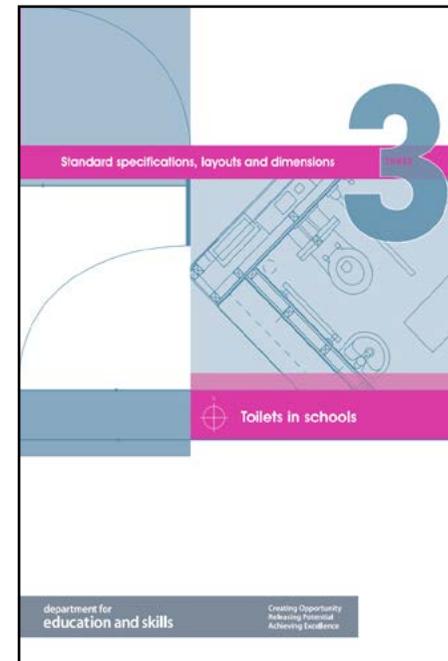
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Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage



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Standard specifications, layouts and dimensions - Toilets in schools

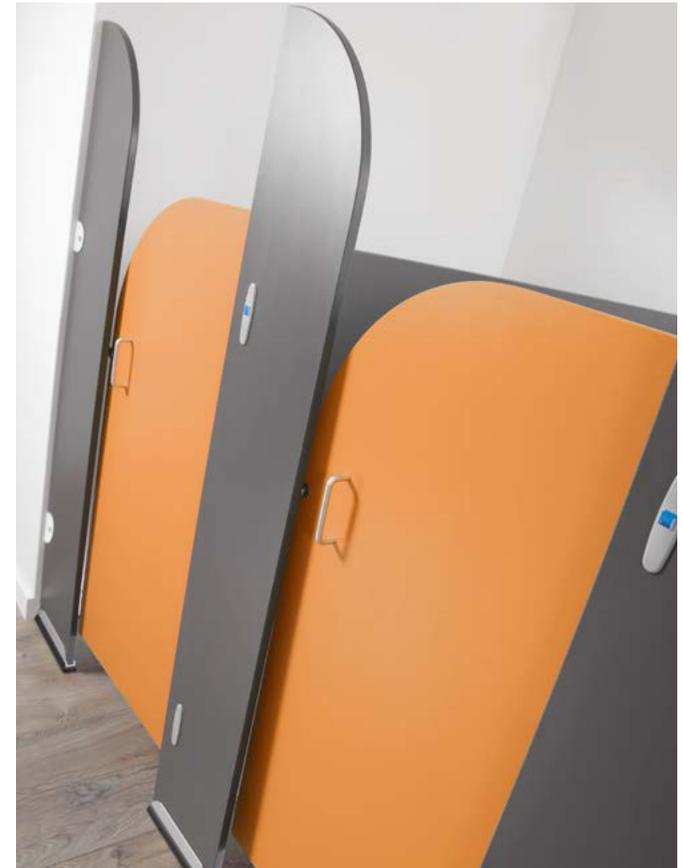


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