5. SCHOOL PREMISES

The School Premises Amending Regulations, 1949

1949 No. 2279

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The Minister of Education in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by Section 10 of the Education Act, 1944(**a**), hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the School Premises Amending Regulations, 1949, and shall come into operation on the thirteenth day of December, 1949.

2. The existing Regulations hereby amended are the Regulations Prescribing Standards for School Premises, 1945(**b**).

3. The following Regulations are hereby substituted for Regulations 6 to 8 and 26 of the existing Regulations:—

"*Pupils' Cloakroom Accommodation, Changing Rooms and Lavatories*

6.—(1) Sufficient and suitable facilities for pupils' outdoor clothing, comprising cloakroom or other accommodation and equipment, including a peg or hanger for each pupil, shall be provided for every County School or Voluntary School or Department of such a School.

(2) Every County School or Voluntary School or Department of such a School shall have washbasins, in as near as may be the following proportions, and space for towels:—

Mixed Schools

2 basins for each sex for the first 30 pupils;

1 additional basin for each sex for every additional 30 pupils up to a total number of 300 pupils; and

1 additional basin for each sex for every additional 60 pupils.

Single Sex Schools

4 basins for the first 30 pupils;

1 additional basin for every additional 15 pupils up to a total number of 300 pupils; and

1 additional basin for every additional 30 pupils.

(3) Sufficient and suitable changing rooms and showers shall be provided for every County Secondary School or Voluntary Secondary School or Department of such a School which includes a gymnasium, or the playing field of which adjoins the site of the School or Department, and for every playing field which does not adjoin the site of such a School or Department.

(a) 7 & 8 Geo. 6. c. 31. (b) S.R. & O. 1945 (No. 345) I, p. 293.

(4) Sufficient hot and cold water shall be available to satisfy the following requirements :—

(*a*) every basin or shower shall have a supply of cold water ;

(*b*) every shower shall have a supply of hot water ; and

(*c*) at least some of the basins shall have a supply of hot water.

Where a supply of water under pressure is available, running water shall be laid on to the basins and showers. Where separate washing facilities are provided for various groups of pupils in any School or Department, the foregoing requirements of this paragraph shall apply to the several facilities so provided.

(5) The surfaces of the floors of any lavatories or shower compartments, and of the walls thereof to a height of not less than six feet, shall be constructed of impervious material which can be easily cleaned.

Pupils' Sanitary Offices

7.—(1) Every County School or Voluntary School or Department of such a School shall have sanitary offices, which shall be well lighted and ventilated, in as near as may be the following proportions:—

Mixed Schools

2 offices for each sex for the first 30 pupils ;

1 additional office for each sex for every additional 30 pupils up to a total number of 300 pupils ; and

1 additional office for each sex for every additional 60 pupils.

Single Sex Schools

4 offices for the first 30 pupils ;

1 additional office for every additional 15 pupils up to a total number of 300 pupils ; and

1 additional office for every additional 30 pupils.

(2) The sanitary offices for boys shall, as to not less than one-third of their number, be closets and, as to the remainder, be urinal stalls.

(3) All urinal stalls shall be constructed of glazed material and shall be be fitted with a flushing apparatus, and urinal compartments shall be so planned as to provide sufficient entrances and exits to avoid congestion of pupils.

(4) In every School or Department for both sexes separate sanitary facilities and approaches thereto, which shall be adequately screened, shall be provided for each sex.

(5) Each closet shall be not less than 2 feet 6 inches wide and shall be provided with a door and with a partition which shall be sufficiently high to secure privacy.

(6) Each closet for pupils over the age of twelve years shall be provided with a fastening on the inside of the door. In closets for pupils under the age of eight years there shall be no fastening but there shall be a handle on the inside of the door.

(7) Where water closets are provided each closet shall be provided with its own flushing apparatus and the surfaces of the floors and walls of closets and of urinal compartments shall be constructed of impervious material which can be easily cleaned.

Staff Rooms

8.—(1) In every County School or Voluntary School or Department of such a School a common room shall be provided for the teaching staff.

(2) In every County School or Voluntary School or Department of such a School having a teaching staff of not less than five a separate room shall be provided for the Head Teacher.

(3) In every County School or Voluntary School or Department of such a School for both sexes having a teaching staff of not less than eight, of which the Head Teacher is a man, a separate room shall be provided for the senior mistress or for the mistress in charge of the infants as the case may be.

Cloakroom and other Facilities for Adults

8A. Sufficient and suitable facilities for cloakroom, washing and sanitary accommodation, other than that provided for the pupils, shall be provided in every County School or Voluntary School or Department of such a School for the use of adults.

General Requirements

26. Every Special School shall conform to the standards prescribed for County Schools and Voluntary Schools in the following Regulations:—

Regulation 6—Pupils' Cloakroom Accommodation, Changing Rooms and Lavatories.

Regulation 7—Pupils' Sanitary Offices.

Regulation 8—Staff Rooms.

Regulation 8A—Cloakroom and other Facilities for Adults.

Regulation 9—Storage Provision.

Regulation 11—Drying Facilities.

Regulation 12—Kitchen Accommodation.

Provided that in relation to Special Schools paragraph (2) of Regulation 8 shall have effect as if the words "having a teaching staff of not less than five" were omitted therefrom."

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Education this 8th day of December, 1949.

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Minister of Education.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

The purpose of these Amending Regulations is to enable savings to be effected in the cost of school building by some modification of the existing Regulations dealing with ancillary accommodation.