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The Minister of Education, in pursuance of the powers conferred on him by Section 10 of the Education Act, 1944(a), hereby makes the following regulations:—

PART I

CITATION AND DEFINITIONS

Citation

1. These regulations, which prescribe the standards to which the premises of schools maintained by local education authorities are to conform, may be cited as the Standards for School Premises Regulations, 1959, and shall come into operation on the 27th day of May, 1959.

Definitions and Interpretation

2.—(1) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

"the Act" means the Education Act, 1944, as amended by any subsequent enactment;

"approved" means approved by the Minister of Education;

"boarding accommodation" means any premises being part of a county school, a voluntary school, or a special school, whether situated on the same site as the teaching accommodation or otherwise, provided solely for the use of boarding pupils attending any such school;

"daylight factor" means the ratio of the illumination, including light reflected from interior and exterior surfaces, at a given point inside a building when measured on a horizontal plane at that point, to the illumination simultaneously existing on a horizontal plane under an unobstructed sky of uniform luminance;

"foot-lambert" means the luminance (brightness) of a uniform diffuser emitting one lumen per square foot;

"hard porous surface" means a loosely compacted surface, consisting of cinder-ash, brick dust, blaes or similar material or a bitumen bound surface, through which water can penetrate;

"infant" means a child who has attained the age of five years but has not attained the age of eight years;

"junior" means a child who has attained the age of eight years but has not attained the age of twelve years;

"infant school" means a school mainly for infants;

(a) 7 & 8 Geo. 6. c. 31.

" junior school " means a school mainly for juniors ;

" lumen " means the luminous flux emitted in unit solid angle by a uniform source of artificial light giving a luminous intensity of one candela ;

" nursery class " means a class, mainly for children who have attained the age of three years but have not attained the age of five years, in a county primary school or a voluntary primary school ;

" paved area " means an area of land having a hard impervious surface constructed of materials such as tarmacadam or concrete ;

" primary school " means a primary school which is a county or voluntary school ;

" pupil " does not include a child in a nursery class ;

" school " means an institution for providing primary or secondary education, or both primary and secondary education, maintained by a local education authority, and a department of a school having a separate head teacher shall be treated as a separate school ;

" school year " has the meaning assigned to it by the Schools Regulations, 1959(a) ;

" secondary school " means a secondary school which is a county or voluntary school ;

" special school " does not include a school whose pupils are wholly or mainly in-patients in a hospital ;

" teaching accommodation " means all the internal space in a school so designed and provided with essential services as to be suitable for teaching purposes ; and

" teaching space " means a space suitable for a class to be taught by one teacher.

(2) For the purposes of regulations 5, 17, 30, 38, 42 and 45 areas referred to therein shall be calculated by measuring from the internal faces of external walls to the centre line of internal walls and partitions.

(3) For the purposes of regulations 16 and 17 the ages of pupils referred to therein shall be treated as their ages at the beginning of the school year.

(4) For the purposes of regulations 28, 29, 30 and 32 the areas and numbers referred to therein shall be calculated by reference to the greatest number of children attending at any one time during the day.

(5) The Interpretation Act, 1889(b), shall apply for the interpretation of these regulations as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

PART II

PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Sites

3.—(1) The site of every primary school shall comprise an area not less than the area specified in this paragraph as appropriate to the number of pupils for whom the school is designed :—

Number of pupils	*Appropriate area*
Not more than 25	$\frac{1}{2}$ acre
26–50	$\frac{5}{8}$,,
51–80	$\frac{3}{4}$,,

and thereafter for every additional 40 pupils, or part thereof, the appropriate area shall be increased by $\frac{1}{8}$ acre :

(a) S.I. 1959/364 (Pt. I, p. 1584, of this vol.). (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

Provided that in the case of a school designed for more than 480 pupils, the site area shall be such as may be approved in each case.

(2) The site of every primary school shall include a paved area, laid on suitable foundations, properly graded and drained and suitable for the activities to be carried out thereon, having an area not less than that specified in this paragraph as appropriate to the type of school and number of pupils for whom the school is designed:—

	Number of pupils	*Appropriate paved area (in square feet)*
(*a*) Infant schools	Not more than 100 ...	3,200
	101–280	6,600
	281–400	11,100
	401–480	13,200
(*b*) Infant and junior schools	Not more than 25 ...	3,200
	26–80	4,500
	81–170	6,600
	171–280	12,100
	281–440	18,700
	441–480	24,200
(*c*) Junior schools	Not more than 140 ...	6,600
	141–280	12,100
	281–360	18,700
	361–480	24,200

Provided that in the case of a school designed for more than 480 pupils, the paved area shall be such as may be approved in each case.

Playing Field Accommodation

4. Every primary school, other than an infant school, shall have appropriated to it playing field accommodation comprising an area not less than that specified in this regulation as appropriate to the number of junior pupils for whom the school is designed:—

Number of junior pupils	*Appropriate area*
Not more than 50	½ acre
51–120	1 acre
121–200	1½ acres
201–280	2¼ acres
More than 280	3 acres

Teaching Accommodation

5.—(1) Every primary school shall include teaching accommodation comprising an area not less than that specified in this regulation as appropriate to the number of pupils for whom the school is designed:—

not more than 75 pupils, 40 square feet for each of the first 25 pupils and 23 square feet per pupil thereafter;

more than 75 pupils but less than 120 pupils, 50 square feet for each of the first 30 pupils and 21 square feet per pupil thereafter;

120 or more pupils, 50 square feet for each of the first 40 pupils and 17 square feet per pupil thereafter:

Provided that in the case of a school designed for more than 480 pupils the area of teaching accommodation shall be such as may be approved in each case:

Provided also that every school designed for 100 or more pupils shall contain a hall.

(2) Every primary school shall contain not less than the number of teaching spaces specified in this paragraph as appropriate to the number and age range of pupils for whom the school is designed:—

Number and age range of pupils	*Appropriate number of teaching spaces excluding a hall, if provided*
Not more than 25 of any age	1
26–50 of any age	2
51–80 infants and juniors	3
81–130 infants and juniors	4
131–160 infants and juniors	5
Other numbers or age ranges	The number of pupils divided by 40 or, if this is not a whole number, the next highest whole number:

Provided that every teaching space provided in accordance with this paragraph shall comprise an area of not less than 200 square feet for the first 10 pupils or part thereof to be taught therein, 15 square feet for each of the next 20 pupils to be taught therein and 4 square feet per pupil thereafter.

Storage of Teaching Apparatus, Equipment and Materials

6. In every primary school sufficient and suitable facilities shall be provided, in convenient association with the teaching accommodation, for the storage of apparatus, equipment and materials required for teaching.

Storage of Pupils' Outdoor Clothing

7. In every primary school sufficient and suitable facilities for storing and drying pupils' outdoor clothing and for storing pupils' other belongings shall be provided.

Sanitary Accommodation for Pupils

8.—(1) In every primary school closets shall be provided, and in the case of every such school which includes boys urinal stalls may, if the boys have not attained the age of 8 years, and shall, if the boys have attained the age of 8 years, be provided, which closets and urinal stalls are hereinafter collectively referred to as "fittings".

(2) In every such school designed for not more than 50 pupils the number of fittings shall be not less than 2 for every 40 pupils, or part thereof, together with two additional fittings and in every such school designed for more than 50 pupils the number of fittings shall be not less than 2 for every 40 pupils, or part thereof, together with 4 additional fittings:

Provided that in every such school where some or all of the pupils are boys not less than one-third of the number of fittings provided for the use of the boys shall be closets.

Washing Accommodation for Pupils

9. In every primary school the number of washbasins shall not be less than the number of fittings specified in the last foregoing regulation as appropriate to the number of pupils for whom the school is designed.

Staff Rooms

10.—(1) In every primary school a common room shall be provided for the teaching staff.

(2) In every primary school designed for more than 120 pupils, a separate room shall be provided for the Head Teacher.

(3) In every primary school designed for 280 or more infants and juniors or for 320 or more juniors of both sexes, a separate room shall be provided for the mistress in charge of the infants or for the senior assistant teacher, as the case may be.

Cloakroom, Sanitary and Washing Accommodation for Adults

11. In every primary school sufficient and suitable cloakroom, washing and sanitary accommodation, other than that provided for the pupils, shall be provided for the use of the teaching staff and the staff engaged in the school meals service.

Facilities for Medical Inspection and Treatment

12.—(1) In every primary school suitable accommodation shall be immediately available at any time during school hours for the inspection and treatment of pupils by doctors, dentists and nurses.

(2) The accommodation for such inspection and treatment shall be well and suitably lighted and heated and shall be conveniently accessible to a closet, and every room provided for such purposes shall include a washbasin with a supply of hot and cold water.

Storage Facilities for School Stocks, Maintenance Equipment, Furniture and Fuel

13.—(1) In every primary school sufficient and suitable facilities shall be provided for the storage of stocks of stationery and materials, and for the storage of maintenance equipment and furniture.

(2) Separate and conveniently situated accommodation shall be provided for the storage of fuel.

Accommodation for Meals

14.—(1) In every primary school accommodation shall be designed for dining and made available therefor for such period as is necessary to prepare for and serve the meal and clear up thereafter, and such accommodation shall amount to at least 4½ square feet of floor area per person expected to take meals, where there are two sittings, or at least 9 square feet of floor area per person as aforesaid, where there is one sitting:

Provided that where part of the said accommodation is designed also for teaching purposes, it may be counted as teaching area for the purposes of Regulation 5.

(2) For every primary school there shall be available sufficient and suitable kitchen accommodation, having regard to the number of persons expected to take meals in the school.

(3) In every primary school where the meals are cooked off the school premises, sufficient accommodation for receiving and serving out the meals, and for washing up thereafter, shall be provided.

PART III

SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Sites

15.—(1) The site of every secondary school shall comprise an area not less than the area specified in this paragraph as appropriate to the number of pupils for whom the school is designed :—

Number of pupils	*Appropriate area*
Not more than 150	1½ acres
151–210	1¾ acres
211–300	2 acres
301–360	2¼ acres
361–420	2½ acres
421–450	3 acres

and thereafter for every additional 50 pupils, or part thereof, the appropriate area shall be increased by ¼ acre.

(2) Where the curriculum of a secondary school includes gardening, horticulture, agriculture, or the keeping of livestock, the appropriate area specified in this regulation shall be increased to such extent as may be approved in each case.

(3) The site of every secondary school shall include a paved or hard porous area, suitable for lawn tennis, net-ball, basket-ball or other appropriate games, laid on suitable foundations and properly graded and drained, having an area not less than that specified in this paragraph as appropriate to the number of pupils for whom the school is designed :—

Number of pupils	*Appropriate area in square feet*
Not more than 420	19,900
421–600	34,200
More than 600	34,200 plus 5,000 for every additional 150 pupils or part thereof

Provided that in the case of a boys' school or a girls' school designed for not more than 180 pupils the appropriate area may be reduced to 10,400 square feet.

Playing Field Accommodation

16. Every secondary school shall have appropriated to it playing field accommodation comprising an area, suitable as to shape, levels, surface and drainage and free from obstructions, not less than the area specified in this regulation as appropriate to the type of the school for which, and the number and age of pupils for whom, such accommodation is intended :—

	Number of pupils aged 11–15 years inclusive	*Appropriate area*
(*a*) Boys' schools	Not more than 150 ...	4½ acres
	151–300	7½ acres
and thereafter for every additional 150 pupils or part thereof aged 11–15 years inclusive, the appropriate area shall be increased by		1½ acres

	Number of pupils aged 11–15 years inclusive	*Appropriate area*
(*b*) Girls' schools	Not more than 150 ...	4 acres
	151–300	6½ acres
	301–450	8½ acres
and thereafter for every additional 150 pupils or part thereof aged 11–15 years inclusive, the appropriate area shall be increased by		1 acre

	Number of pupils aged 11–15 years inclusive	*Appropriate area*
(*c*) Schools for pupils of both sexes	Not more than 150 ...	4½ acres
	151–300	7 acres
	301–600	10 acres
and thereafter for every additional 300 pupils or part thereof aged 11–15 years inclusive, the appropriate area shall be increased by		3 acres

Provided that where playing field accommodation is intended to be used by pupils who have attained the age of 16 years, the appropriate area specified in this regulation shall be increased by 1¼ acres for every 120 such pupils, or part thereof:

Provided also that where playing field accommodation is appropriated jointly to two or more boys' schools the appropriate area shall be calculated as for one boys' school of the total number of boys for whom the accommodation is intended, and where the appropriation is jointly to two or more girls' schools the appropriate area shall be calculated as for one girls' school of the total number of girls for whom the accommodation is intended, and where the appropriation is jointly to two or more schools involving pupils of both sexes the appropriate area shall be calculated as for one mixed school of the total number of boys and girls for whom the accommodation is intended:

Provided also that if a part of the playing field accommodation is provided with a hard porous surface suitable in size for the playing of hockey, Association Football or other appropriate games, that part may be deemed to be three times its actual area, so, however, that at least one half of the appropriate area shall have a grass surface:

Provided also that where approved facilities for regular instruction in swimming are provided, the area of the playing field accommodation may be reduced to such extent as may be approved in each case.

Teaching Accommodation

17. Every secondary school shall include teaching accommodation comprising an area not less than that specified in this regulation as appropriate to the age and number of pupils for whom the school is designed :—

Number of pupils in the first five years of the course provided	Appropriate teaching area per pupil (in square feet) according to ages of pupils for whom the school is designed		
	Aged 11–13 inclusive	Aged 14 and 15 inclusive	Aged 16 and over
Not more than 150	46·0	49·0	52·0
151–450	45·0	48·0	51·0
451–600	44·0	47·0	50·0
601–750	43·5	46·5	49·5
751–900	42·5	45·5	48·5
901–1,050	41·0	44·0	47·0
1,051–1,200	40·5	43·5	46·5
1,201–1,350	40·0	43·0	46·0
1,351–1,500	39·3	42·3	45·3
1,501–1,650	39·0	42·0	45·0
1,651–1,800	38·7	41·7	44·7
1,801–1,950	38·2	41·2	44·2
1,951–2,100	38·0	41·0	44·0

Provided that every classroom in such a school shall comprise an area of not less than 200 square feet for the first ten pupils, or part thereof, for which the classroom is designed and 15 square feet per pupil thereafter:

Provided also that, except where in the interests of educational experiment the Minister determines otherwise, every such school shall include a gymnasium, hall, library and accommodation for practical instruction ; so, however, that in the case of a school with not more than 360 pupils, the gymnasium and the hall may be combined and, if so, shall be designed accordingly.

Storage of Teaching Apparatus, Equipment and Materials

18. In every secondary school sufficient and suitable facilities shall be provided, in convenient association with the teaching accommodation, for the storage of apparatus, equipment and materials required for teaching.

Storage of Pupils' Outdoor Clothing and Belongings

19. In every secondary school sufficient and suitable facilities for storing and drying pupils' outdoor clothing, and for storing pupils' other belongings, shall be provided.

Sanitary Accommodation for Pupils

20. In every secondary school closets and, in the case of every such school which includes boys, urinal stalls shall be provided, which closets and urinal stalls are hereinafter collectively referred to as "fittings", and the number of fittings shall be not less than two for every 30 pupils or part thereof :

Provided that in every such school where some or all of the pupils are boys, not less than one-third of the number of fittings provided for the use of the boys shall be closets:

Provided also that where any such school is designed for more than 1,000 pupils the number of fittings shall be such as may be approved in each case.

Washing Accommodation for Pupils

21. In every secondary school the number of washbasins shall not be less than the number of fittings specified in the last foregoing regulation as appropriate to the number of pupils for whom the school is designed:

Provided that where any such school is designed for more than 1,000 pupils the number of washbasins shall be such as may be approved in each case.

Changing Rooms and Showers

22. In every secondary school sufficient and suitable changing rooms and showers shall be provided in close association with the gymnasium, or other space used for physical education.

Staff Rooms

23.—(1) In every secondary school a common room shall be provided for the teaching staff and a separate room shall be provided for the Head Teacher.

(2) In every secondary school designed for 450 or more pupils in the first five years of the course a separate room shall be provided for the senior assistant teacher.

(3) In every secondary school designed for less than 450 pupils of both sexes in the first five years of the course a separate room shall be provided for the senior assistant teacher.

Cloakroom, Washing and Sanitary Accommodation for Adults

24. In every secondary school sufficient and suitable cloakroom, washing and sanitary accommodation, other than that provided for the pupils, shall be provided for the use of the teaching staff and the staff engaged in the school meals service.

Facilities for Medical Inspection and Treatment

25.—(1) In every secondary school suitable accommodation shall be immediately available at any time during school hours for the inspection and treatment of pupils by doctors, dentists and nurses.

(2) The accommodation for such inspection and treatment shall be well and suitably lighted and heated and shall be conveniently accessible to a closet, and every room provided for such purposes shall include a washbasin with a supply of hot and cold water.

Storage facilities for School Stocks, Maintenance Equipment, Furniture and Fuel

26.—(1) In every secondary school sufficient and suitable facilities shall be provided for the storage of stocks of stationery and materials, and for the storage of maintenance equipment and furniture.

(2) Separate and conveniently situated accommodation shall be provided for the storage of fuel.

Accommodation for Meals

27.—(1) In every secondary school accommodation shall be designed for dining and made available therefor for such period as is necessary to prepare for and serve the meal and clear up thereafter, and such accommodation shall amount to at least 5 square feet of floor area per person expected to take meals, where there are two sittings, or at least 10 square feet of floor area per person as aforesaid, where there is one sitting:

Provided that where part of the said accommodation is designed also for teaching purposes, it may be counted as teaching area for the purposes of Regulation 17 :

Provided also that dining shall not take place in a gymnasium or in a combined hall and gymnasium.

(2) For every secondary school there shall be available sufficient and suitable kitchen accommodation, having regard to the number of persons expected to take meals in the school.

(3) In every secondary school where the meals are cooked off the school premises, sufficient accommodation for receiving and serving out the meals, and for washing up thereafter, shall be provided.

PART IV

NURSERY SCHOOLS AND NURSERY CLASSES

Sites

28.—(1) The site of every nursery school shall comprise not less than $\frac{1}{4}$ of an acre for not more than 40 children, and the site shall be increased by not less than $\frac{1}{8}$ of an acre for every additional 20 children or part thereof.

(2) Where a nursery class is provided in a primary school, the area of the site of the school shall be increased by the amounts specified in paragraph (1) of this regulation according to the number of children in the nursery class.

Garden Playing Space

29. The site of every nursery school shall include, and every nursery class shall have available, a garden playing space comprising an area of not less than 100 square feet for each child, a part of which, to the extent of 40 square feet for each child, shall be paved.

Playroom Accommodation

30.—(1) Every nursery school and nursery class shall include playroom accommodation comprising an area of not less than 25 square feet for each child :

Provided that in every nursery school the playroom accommodation shall be capable of being divided into two separate rooms.

(2) Where in any case a nursery school provides education for children up to the age of seven years, teaching accommodation shall be provided for the children over the age of five years in accordance with the requirements of regulation 5 of these regulations.

Storage of Children's Outdoor Clothing

31. Every nursery school and nursery class shall have sufficient and suitable facilities for storing and drying children's outdoor clothing, which shall be accessible both from the playroom and from the garden playing space.

Washing and Sanitary Accommodation for Children

32.—(1) In every nursery school and nursery class washbasins and closets shall be provided, and the number of washbasins and closets shall be not less than the number respectively specified in this paragraph :—

for every 5 children under five years of age 1 washbasin

for every 10 children under five years of age 1 closet.

(2) In every nursery school there shall be provided for every 40 children under five years of age, in an area set aside for the purpose, one deep sink.

Staff Room

33. In every nursery school a room shall be provided for the superintendent and an additional room shall be provided for the remainder of the teaching staff, together with suitable cloakroom, washing and sanitary accommodation for the use of adults:

Provided that either of the aforesaid rooms shall be available for use as a medical inspection and isolation room.

Storage of Apparatus, Equipment and Fuel

34.—(1) In every nursery school and nursery class sufficient and suitable facilities shall be provided for the storage of apparatus and equipment including in particular the storage of beds and large toys.

(2) In every nursery school separate and conveniently situated storage accommodation shall be provided for fuel.

Kitchen

35.—(1) Every nursery school designed wholly or partly for children attending full-time shall include sufficient and suitable kitchen accommodation for the cooking of a midday meal for all the children attending as aforesaid.

(2) In every nursery school designed wholly for children attending part-time and in every nursery class a sink and a means of heating drinks shall be available.

PART V

SPECIAL SCHOOLS

Sites

36.—(1) The site of every special school shall comprise an area not less than the area specified in this paragraph as appropriate to the number of pupils for whom the school is designed:—

Number of pupils	*Appropriate area*
Not more than 25	$\frac{1}{2}$ acre
26-50	$\frac{5}{8}$ acre
51-80	$\frac{3}{4}$ acre

and thereafter for every additional 40 pupils, or part thereof, the appropriate area shall be increased by $\frac{1}{8}$ acre:

Provided that where a special school is designed for senior pupils the appropriate area shall be increased by $\frac{1}{8}$ acre for not more than 50 such pupils, by $\frac{1}{4}$ acre for 51 to 120 such pupils, by $\frac{3}{8}$ acre for 121 to 160 such pupils and by $\frac{1}{2}$ acre for more than 160 such pupils:

Provided also that where in any case boarding accommodation is provided for some or all of the pupils attending a special school, the site area of the school shall be such as may be approved in each case.

(2) The site of every special school shall include a paved area, laid on suitable foundations and properly graded and drained and suitable for the activities to be carried out thereon, having an area not less than that specified

in this paragraph as appropriate to the number and age range of pupils for whom the school is designed :—

	Number of infant and junior pupils	*Appropriate paved area (in square feet)*
(*a*) Schools for infants and juniors	Not more than 105 ...	6,600
	More than 105 ...	9,800

	Number of senior pupils	*Appropriate paved area (in square feet)*
(*b*) All-age schools and schools for seniors	Not more than 50 ...	9,800
	51–120	12,100
	More than 120 ...	19,900

Provided also that a special school designed for more than 120 senior pupils may satisfy the requirements of this paragraph by providing all or a part of the appropriate area with a hard porous surface suitable for lawn tennis, net-ball, basket-ball or other appropriate games, laid on suitable foundations and properly graded and drained.

Playing Field Accommodation

37. Every special school provided for educationally sub-normal day pupils of both sexes and all ages shall have appropriated to it playing field accommodation comprising an area not less than the area specified in this regulation as appropriate to the number of pupils for whom the school is designed and the said area shall, unless otherwise approved, adjoin the site of the school :—

Number of pupils	*Appropriate area*
Not more than 120	1¼ acres
121–200	2½ acres

Provided that where in any case a special school does not conform to any of the sizes or to the type for which playing field accommodation is specified in this regulation, the playing field accommodation of the school shall be such as may be approved in each case.

Teaching Accommodation

38. Every special school provided for not more than 200 educationally sub-normal pupils of both sexes and all ages shall include teaching accommodation comprising an area not less than that specified in this regulation as appropriate to the number of pupils for whom the school is designed :—

for the first 100 pupils, or part thereof, 5,600 square feet

for each subsequent 20 pupils, or part thereof, 600 square feet

Provided that every such school shall contain a hall and a room for each class comprising an area of not less than 300 square feet for the first 10 pupils, or part thereof, for which the room is designed and 24 square feet per pupil thereafter:

Provided also that where in any case a special school does not conform to any of the sizes or to the type for which teaching accommodation is specified in this regulation, the teaching accommodation of the school shall be such as may be approved in each case.

Sanitary and Washing Accommodation for Pupils

39.—(1) In every special school closets shall be provided and, in the case of every such school which includes boys, urinal stalls may, if the boys have not attained the age of 8 years, and shall, if the boys have attained the age of 8 years, be provided, which closets and urinal stalls are hereinafter collectively referred to as " fittings ", and the number of fittings shall be not less than one for every ten pupils:

Provided that in every such school where some or all of the pupils are boys not less than one-third of the number of fittings provided for the use of the boys shall be closets.

(2) In every special school not less than one washbasin shall be provided for every ten pupils.

Other Accommodation

40. Every special school shall conform to the standards prescribed in the following regulations:—

Regulation 14—Accommodation for Meals.

Regulation 18—Storage of Teaching Apparatus, Equipment and Materials.

Regulation 19—Storage of Pupils' Outdoor Clothing and Belongings.

Regulation 22—Changing Rooms and Showers:

Provided that regulation 22 shall not apply to any special school which does not include senior pupils.

Regulation 23 (1)—Staff Rooms.

Regulation 24—Cloakrooms, Washing and Sanitary Accommodation for Adults.

Regulation 25—Facilities for Medical Inspection and Treatment.

Regulation 26—Storage facilities for School Stocks, Maintenance Equipment, Furniture and Fuel.

PART VI

BOARDING ACCOMMODATION

Sites

41. The area of every site for boarding accommodation shall be such as may be approved in each case.

Dormitories and Cubicles

42.—(1) In every dormitory there shall be not less than 3 feet between any two beds, and a floor area of not less than 55 square feet shall be provided for each of the first two beds and of not less than 45 square feet for each succeeding bed.

(2) Where a separate cubicle is provided for a pupil, the cubicle shall have a window and shall comprise not less than 55 square feet of floor area.

(3) Where a separate bedroom is provided for a pupil, the room shall comprise not less than 65 square feet of floor area.

(4) In the case of boarding accommodation for pupils of both sexes separate dormitories shall be provided for boys and girls respectively who are over the age of eight years.

Washing and Sanitary Accommodation

43.—(1) In all boarding accommodation, slipper baths, washbasins and closets shall be provided in numbers not less than those respectively specified in this paragraph :—

for every 10 pupils	1 slipper bath
for the first 60 pupils	1 washbasin to every 3 pupils
for the next 40 pupils	1 washbasin to every 4 pupils
for every additional 5 pupils ...	1 washbasin
for every 5 pupils	1 closet

Provided that where in any case all or any of the washing or sanitary accommodation for the day pupils in the school is both accessible to, and suitable for, the needs of the boarders, all or any of the requirements of this paragraph of this regulation may be reduced to such extent as may be approved in each case:

Provided also that shower baths may be provided instead of one-half or any smaller fraction of the number of slipper baths hereinbefore prescribed as appropriate.

(2) Baths, showers, washbasins and closets shall be suitably dispersed throughout the building, having regard in particular to their accessibility from the dormitories.

Accommodation for Meals

44. All boarding accommodation shall include sufficient accommodation for the cooking and serving of meals for the boarders ; save that in determining the amount and type of such accommodation, account shall be taken of any accommodation for the cooking and serving of meals for the day pupils in the school, which is both accessible to, and suitable for, the needs of the boarders.

Day Room Space

45. All boarding accommodation shall include day room space comprising an area of not less than 25 square feet for each pupil:

Provided that in any of the following circumstances the requirements of this regulation may be reduced to such extent as may be approved in each case :—

(*a*) where all or part of the day school accommodation is adjacent to the boarding accommodation and is suitable for use as day room space ;

(*b*) where the boarding accommodation is provided in some manner other than dormitories and common rooms ;

(*c*) where the boarding accommodation is for weekly boarders only.

Sick Rooms

46.—(1) All boarding accommodation shall include a sick room and, where the total number of boarders exceeds 40, a separate isolation room and the total number of beds in the sick room and isolation room shall be on the scale of one bed for every 20 boarders or part thereof.

(2) In the case of boarding accommodation for pupils of both sexes each sex shall have separate sick room accommodation.

(3) Suitable and sufficient bathing, washing and sanitary accommodation shall be provided for use in connection with the sick room accommodation.

(4) In every sick room adequate cross ventilation shall be provided, and where cubicles are provided each cubicle shall have a window.

(5) There shall be not less than 6 feet between any two beds and a floor area of 80 square feet shall be provided for each bed.

(6) All sick room accommodation shall include sufficient bedrooms, baths and washing and sanitary accommodation for the use of the nursing staff.

Staff Accommodation

47. All boarding accommodation shall include such residential accommodation, including sufficient dining, washing and sanitary accommodation, for the teaching and domestic staff as may be approved in each case.

Other Accommodation

48. All boarding accommodation shall include a sewing room and an airing room and sufficient and suitable storage space for bedding, equipment and pupils' personal belongings.

PART VII

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOLS AND BOARDING ACCOMMODATION

Structural Loadings

49. The load bearing structure of every school and of all boarding accommodation shall be such as to be capable of safely sustaining and transmitting dead load and imposed loads and the horizontal and inclined forces to which it is likely to be subjected.

Protection against the Weather

50. The buildings of every school and of all boarding accommodation shall be so designed and constructed as adequately to resist the penetration of rain, snow, wind and moisture rising from the ground.

Precautions for Health and Safety

51. In all parts of the buildings of every school and of all boarding accommodation, the design, the construction, the fire resistance of the elements of the structure and the properties of the materials shall be such that the health and safety of the occupants, and in particular their safe escape in the event of fire, shall be reasonably assured.

Lighting

52.—(1) In every school and in all boarding accommodation, the lighting, both natural and artificial, of each room or other space shall be appropriate to the normal use for which the room or other space is designed.

(2) In all teaching accommodation and kitchens the lowest level of maintained illumination and the minimum daylight factor, on the appropriate plane in the area of normal use, shall be ten lumens per square foot and 2 per cent. respectively.

(3) In all teaching accommodation and kitchens no luminous part of any lighting unit, or mirrored image thereof, having a maximum brightness greater than 1,500 foot-lamberts or an average brightness greater than 1,000 foot-lamberts, shall be visible to any occupant in a normal position within an angle at the eye of 135 degrees from the perpendicular from the eye to the floor.

(4) A sufficient part of the light emitted from the lighting fittings shall illuminate the ceiling and upper parts of the walls so as to prevent excessive contrast between the fittings and their background.

Ventilation and Heating

53.—(1) Every room in every school building and in all boarding accommodation shall be provided with means of ventilation capable of securing that the amount of fresh air available to each person for whom the room is designed shall be not less than the amount specified in this regulation as appropriate to the cubic space available per person ;

Cubic space per person in cubic feet	*Appropriate number of air changes per hour*
Not more than 180	6
181–200	5
201–250	4
251–300	3
More than 300	1½

(2) In every kitchen and in every other room in which there may be steam or fumes, adequate measures shall be taken to prevent condensation and to expel noxious fumes.

(3) The heating system in every school and in all boarding accommodation shall be such as to secure that, when the outside temperature is 32 degrees fahrenheit and when the heating system is heating air at the rates specified in this paragraph, the temperature, at a height of not more than three feet from the floor, shall be the temperature specified in this regulation as appropriate to the type of room or other space, or as near as may be thereto :—

Type of room or space	*Number of air changes per hour to be heated by the heating system*	*Temperatures Fahrenheit*
Convalescent sitting rooms	3	65°
Medical inspection rooms	3	65°
Changing rooms, bathrooms and shower rooms	3	65°
Teaching rooms	2	62°
Nursery playrooms	2	62°
Common rooms	2	62°
Staff rooms	2	62°
Sanatoriums and sickrooms	3	58°
Halls	1½	57°
Dining rooms	2	57°
Gymnasiums	2	57°
Cloakrooms	2	55°
Corridors	1½	55°
Dormitories	2	52°

Acoustics

54. In all parts of the building of every school the acoustic conditions and the insulation against disturbance by noise shall be appropriate to the use of each part of the building.

Water Supply

55.—(1) In every school and in all boarding accommodation sufficient and wholesome water shall be provided for drinking and for all other purposes of the school or boarding accommodation.

(2) Where a supply of water in pipes is provided to such a point as to make it reasonable to require that the school or boarding accommodation shall be connected thereto, the school or boarding accommodation shall be so connected.

(3) Where a supply of water under pressure is available, running water shall be laid on to the washbasins, baths and showers.

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

(*a*) every washbasin shall have an adequate supply of warmed water; and

(*b*) all baths and showers shall have a supply of water warmed on emission to a temperature of not less than 100° F. and not more than 110° F.

Gas and Electric Power

56. In every school and in all boarding accommodation where supplies of gas and electricity are available sufficient and suitable gas and electric power points shall be provided.

Washing and Sanitary Accommodation

57.—(1) In every school and in all boarding accommodation the washing and sanitary accommodation shall be soundly designed and constructed, shall be reasonably accessible to the pupils and shall, having regard to the particular circumstances of each case, comply with reasonable standards of hygiene.

(2) In every school and in all boarding accommodation all urinal stalls shall be constructed of glazed material and shall be fitted with a flushing apparatus.

(3) Each closet shall be provided with a door and with a partition which shall be sufficiently high to secure privacy.

(4) Where water closets are provided, each closet shall be capable of being flushed separately.

(5) The surfaces of the floors of washing and sanitary accommodation, including bath and shower compartments, and of the walls thereof to a height of not less than 6 feet shall be finished with a material which resists the penetration of water and which can be easily cleaned.

Drainage and Sewage Disposal

58.—(1) Where a system of public sewers and a constant water supply under pressure are available, water closets shall be provided in every school and in all boarding accommodation and the waste matter therefrom (hereinafter called "sewage"), together with the liquid waste from urinals, baths, showers, wash basins and sinks (hereinafter called "drainage") shall be conveyed into the public sewer by means of drains.

(2) Where a supply of water under pressure is available but no public sewers are available, water closets shall be provided and the sewage therefrom, together with the drainage, shall be discharged either into a cesspool or into a treatment plant comprising a settlement tank and either a filter or surface land irrigation.

(3) Where public sewers are available but no water supply under pressure is available, the drainage shall be discharged into the public sewer and earth or chemical closets shall be provided.

(4) Where neither public sewers nor a water supply under pressure are available, the drainage shall be discharged either into a cesspool or into a treatment plant comprising a settlement tank and either a filter or surface land irrigation, and earth or chemical closets shall be provided.

(5) Adequate provision shall be made for the disposal of rain water.

Revocation

59. The Standards for School Premises Regulations 1954(a), are hereby revoked.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Education this 19th day of May, 1959.

(L.S.)

Geoffrey Lloyd,
Minister of Education.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations replace the Standards for School Premises Regulations, 1954. No significant changes in basic standards have been introduced but some of the requirements have been made more flexible to allow increased freedom and experiment in design and construction. This applies particularly to the regulations prescribing the size of paved areas (regulations 3 and 15) and of the teaching accommodation (5 and 17). On the other hand the regulations relating to accommodation for school meals (14 and 27) contain more exact requirements as to area in place of the former general provisions. Minor amendments have been made in other regulations, and three have been added, providing respectively for protection against weather (50), satisfactory acoustic conditions (54), and gas and electric power points (56).

(a) S.I. 1954/473 (1954 I, p. 733).