



Ein cyf/Our ref WQ97011-97012

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Dear Andrew,

Further to my holding reply on 25 July to WQ97011 and WQ97012, below is a substantive reply to these two questions. This reply will also be published on the internet.

The data you asked for is in the table below. We collect data on class sizes in maintained schools in the school census every January and the data reflects the class structure on the day of the census only.

In primary schools the data covers all infant and junior classes. In secondary schools the data covers all classes during the third timetabled period on the day of the census. We don't collect data for any classes in secondary schools during other periods of the timetable.

Table 1: Average class sizes in primary and secondary schools, 2016 to 2025 [note 1]

Sector	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Primary	25.6	25.8	25.9	25.9	25.9	25.8	25.4	25.3	25.5	25.5
Secondary	19.9	20.3	20.5	21.0	21.0	21.3	21.0	21.0	21.1	21.4

Source: Annual School Census

[note 1]. Data for 2021 is for April 2021. Data for 2022 is for February 2022. The annual census was delayed in these years due to the COVID-19 pandemic. All other years are for January.

Yours sincerely,

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