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TOILET RULES 2026

COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST

Your washroom checklist

1 Schools: DfE cubicle standards (Feb 2026)

- ▫ KS2 and above: full-height partitions and doors (or min 1950mm if the brief says so)
- ▫ KS1: partitions min 1500mm, doors min 1300mm. Early Years: both min 1200mm
- ▫ Full-height partitions: no gaps at top, bottom or sides. Doors: max 5mm gap at floor and top
- ▫ Not full height: max 150mm off the floor
- ▫ Side gaps don't allow mobile phone misuse or finger traps
- ▫ No view into the toilets from corridors or classrooms
- ▫ Solid grade laminate, cubicles min 1500 x 800mm, doors min 650mm clear
- ▫ Closed-fist locks, hex/star key release, 'occupied' indicators (no red/green)

2 Schools: layout and privacy

- ▫ Separate toilets for boys and girls
- ▫ A lockable single-person toilet room on every floor of each block
- ▫ An enlarged toilet in every group of four or more
- ▫ 1 toilet and basin per 20 pupils (1 per 10 in Early Years and special schools)
- ▫ KCSIE 2026: no pupil uses toilets designated for the opposite sex; self-contained toilets as the alternative

3 Commercial and public buildings

- ▫ Single-sex toilets used on the basis of biological sex (EHRC Code, from 5 Aug 2026)
- ▫ Self-contained universal toilet rooms alongside, where space allows (Approved Document T)
- ▫ Shared changing rooms have private, floor-to-ceiling lockable cubicles
- ▫ Accessible toilet to Approved Document M, with visual contrast at the seat

4 Built to last

- ▫ Integrated Plumbing Systems hide pipework and cisterns
- ▫ Vandal-resistant, tamper-proof fittings
- ▫ 15-year minimum life for partitions, doors and IPS

Want your washrooms checked against the 2026 rules? Book a free layout review at brookhouse.com/contact or call 0345 383 0050.