

National School Categorisation System Outcomes 2016-17



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In September 2014, the Welsh Government implemented a National Categorisation model for all schools in Wales. The main purposes of the National Categorisation system are:

- to identify which schools are in most need of support
- to ensure support and resources are directed most effectively to secure the improvements necessary in our school system

Support categories for all schools in Wales are reported using the following colours Green, Yellow, Amber and Red.

The National School Categorisation System is agreed between local education authorities and Welsh Government and includes performance measures and self-evaluation by schools.

‘The system’s main purpose is to identify which schools are in most need of support’

The system is about providing support and encouraging collaborative improvement by putting schools into a position that enables them to identify the factors that contribute to their progress and achievement, or what areas to focus on to achieve further development. It is not about labelling or creating league tables.

The system is a ‘three step model’ that is not purely data-driven but also takes into account the quality of leadership and teaching and learning in our schools.

Step
1

Standards Group

A range of information places each school in one of four Standards Groups (1 to 4) which identify how well they are performing against a set of agreed measures. Standards Group 1 is the group that performs most strongly against the nationally agreed measures.

Step
2

Improvement capacity

In partnership with school leaders, regional consortia evaluate the school’s capacity to improve, taking account of evidence about the standards achieved and the quality of leadership and learning and teaching. Schools will be in one of four groups (A to D). Schools where the judgement is an A show the greatest capacity to improve along with the ability to support other schools. Those where the judgement is D need the most support.

Step
3

Support category

The outcomes in step one and step two are combined to decide on the school’s **Support Category**. The final categorisation is a colour code that shows the level of support a school needs – **green**, **yellow**, **amber** and **red**- to demonstrate **the level of support they need**.

Schools in the **green** category are deemed to be in need of the **least support** while schools in the **red** category are those identified as needing the **most support**.

In partnership and support for all our schools, ERW has carried out a rigorous process of formulating each school's National Categorisation Support Category across the region. The agreed support category for every school has been scrutinised and confirmed with a key emphasis on ensuring the appropriate level of support for each individual school's current context.

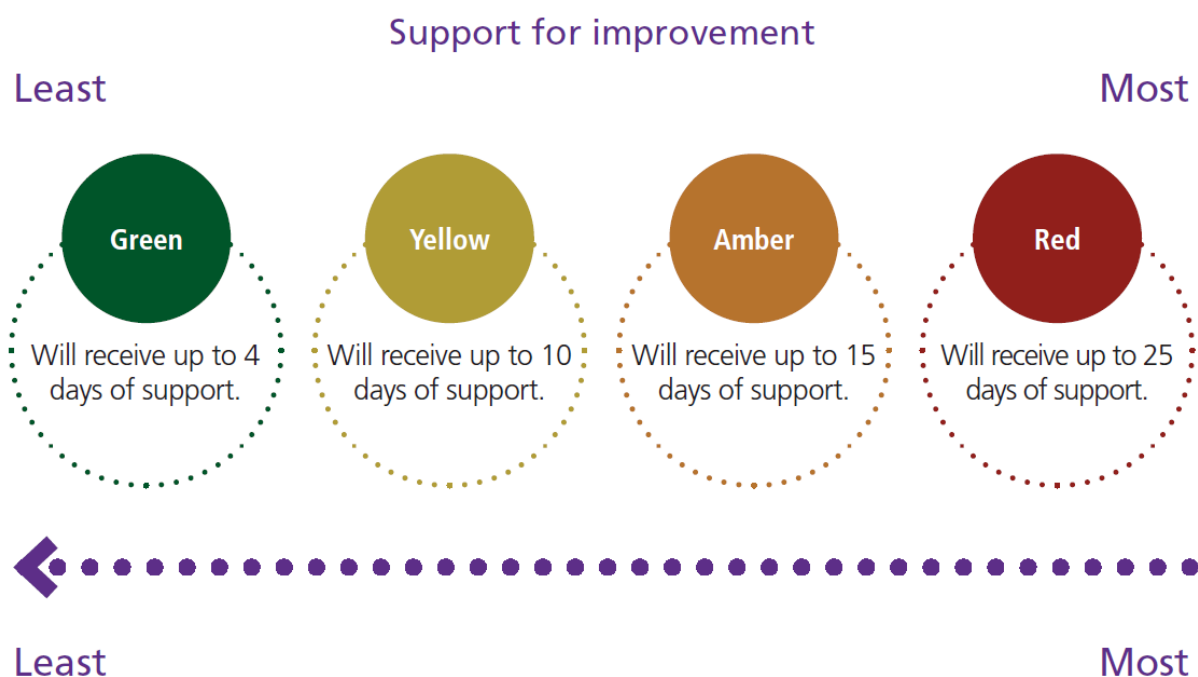
Following the regional moderation process, ERW has been part of a robust National Moderation process. The provisional categorisations for all Carmarthenshire schools have been confirmed as accurate as a result of these processes. The categories for all Carmarthenshire schools were agreed without change.

(the full outcomes of the categorisation system are available on the **My Local School** website on <http://mylocalschool.wales.gov.uk>)

Cabinet Secretary for Education Kirsty Williams said:

"This system is not about grading, labelling or creating crude league tables but about providing support and encouraging improvement in our schools. It is about putting schools into a position that helps them to identify areas they can strengthen and what they need to do achieve further improvements."

What does 'support' look like?

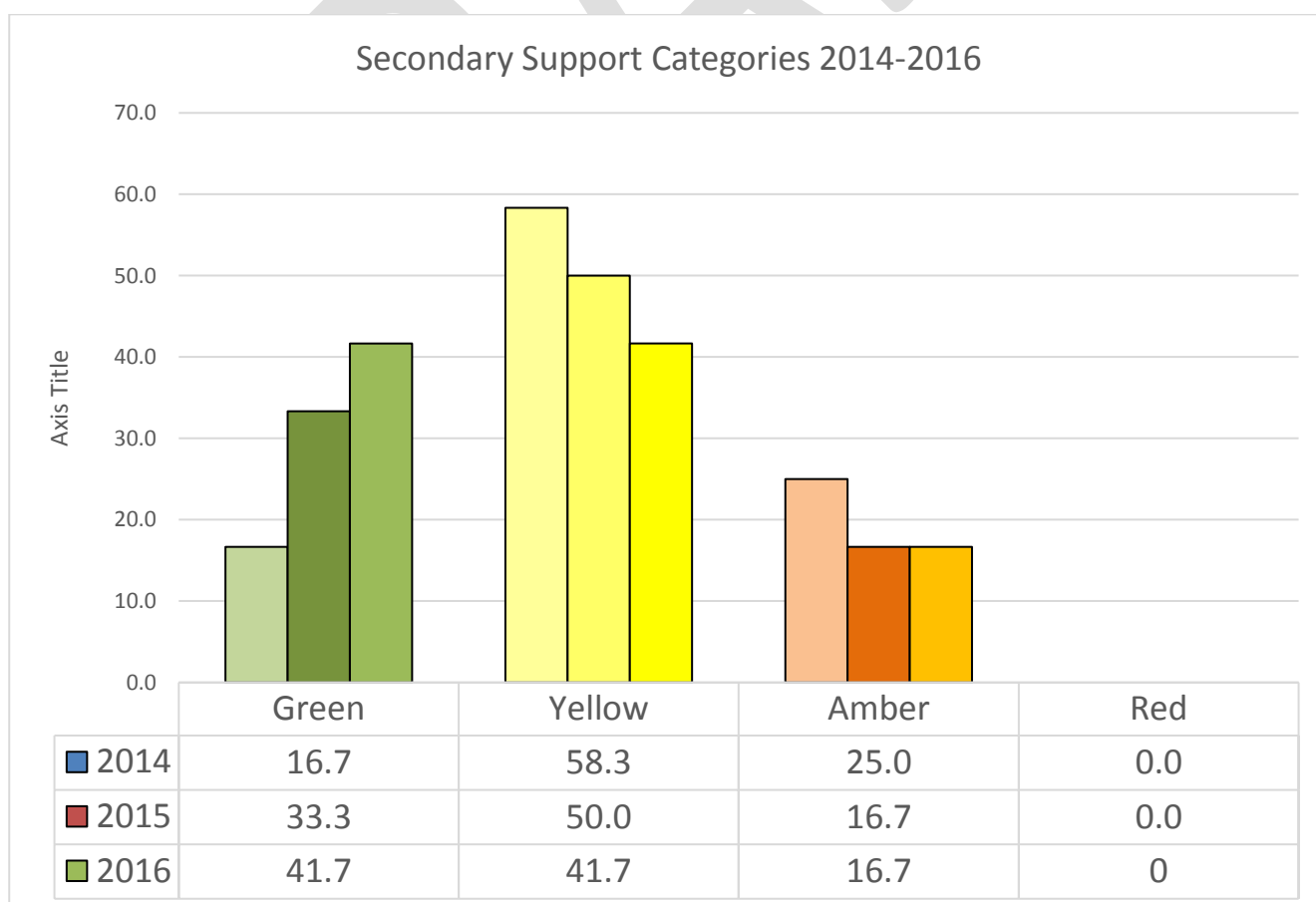


Carmarthenshire Secondary School Categorisation 2016-17

School name	Step Three:	
Ysgol Gyfun Y Strade	Green	41.7%
Ysgol Glan-y-Mor	Green	
Ysgol Bro Myrddin	Green	
Ysgol St John Lloyd	Green	
Ysgol Bro Dinefwr	Green	
Ysgol Dyffryn Aman	Yellow	41.7%
Ysgol Coedcae	Yellow	
Ysgol Bryngwyn	Yellow	
Ysgol Dyffryn Taf	Yellow	
Ysgol Maes Y Gwendraeth	Yellow	
Ysgol Queen Elizabeth High School	Amber	16.7%
Ysgol Gyfun Emlyn	Amber	

Free school meals (eFSM)

Where a secondary school's L2+ (5 GCSE A*-C including English or Welsh and Maths) performance of eFSM learners is below the agreed target (32%), the judgement in relation to their Standards Group will default to Group 3. If other indicators are good, and correlate with a strong consortia assessment at later steps, then a school can be awarded a Yellow Support Category. Therefore there will be no green schools in Wales who have not met the minimum standard of 32% (L2+ three year weighted average) for its free school meals pupils in 2016.



- 8 out of our 12 secondary schools are in Standards Group 1 or 2 at Step 1 (this figure was 12 schools prior to the application of the national eFSM measure).
- There are no schools in the lowest Standards Group 4.
- 2 schools achieved Standards Group 1 status and 2 schools achieved Standards Group 2 status before being placed in Standards Group 3, due to the national eFSM measure.
- In 2015-2016 there are 5 schools in Standards Group 1 – an increase of 4 schools since the model's conception in 2014-15.
- For the third year in succession there are no schools at Step 2 with a Grade D. There is only 1 school with a Grade C.
- 83.3% (10) secondary schools are graded A or B for Step 2 representing an increase of 30% from 2014 - 2015.
- 58.3% (7) schools have a grade 'A' for Step 2 ('Capacity to Improve').

There has been a considerable positive change to the overall categorisation picture for Carmarthenshire secondary schools over the last year.

Carmarthenshire Primary School Categorisation 2016-17



- This year there are 21 schools in Standards Group 1 as compared to 6 in 2014-2015.
- The number of schools in Standards Group 4 has reduced from 15 to 9 since last year.
- Overall, 57 of our primary schools (58.1%) are in Standards Groups 1 or 2.

- 76.5% of our primary schools are graded A or B for Step 2.
- 77.5% of our primary schools are in a Green or Yellow Support Category
- Focused, collaborative working between our schools continues to provide good support for the development of leadership, teaching and learning.

School name	Step Three:	School name	Step Three:
Ysgol Gynradd Saron	Green	Swiss Valley C.P. School	Green
Ysgol Gynradd Parcyrhun	Green	Parc Y Tywyn School	Green
Johnstown Primary School	Green	Pembrey C.P. School	Green
Ysgol Y Dderwen	Green	Ysgol Gymraeg Rhydaman	Green
Llangennech Infants School	Green	Ysgol Gymraeg Teilo Sant	Green
Llangennech Junior School	Green	Penygroes C.P. School	Green
Hendy C.P. School	Green	Ysgol Y Bedol	Green
Ysgol Gymraeg Ffwrnes	Green	Ysgol Y Felin	Green
Brynamman Primary School	Green	Burry Port Primary School	Green

School name	Step Three:		
Cefneithin C.P.	Yellow	Llangunnor C.P. School	Yellow
Maesybont C.P. School	Yellow	Trimsaran C.P. School	Yellow
Llechyfedach C.P. School	Yellow	Ysgol Beca	Yellow
Ysgol Gynradd Y Tymbl	Yellow	Llandybie C.P. School	Yellow
Ysgol Gynradd Gorslas	Yellow	Llanybydder C.P. School	Yellow
Cross Hands C.P. School	Yellow	Llandeilo Primary School	Yellow
Llangain C.P. School	Yellow	Halfway C.P. School	Yellow
Ysgol Gynradd Peniel	Yellow	Pwll C.P. School	Yellow
Ysgol Gynradd Bancffosfelen	Yellow	Penygaer Primary School	Yellow
Ysgol Gwynfryn	Yellow	Ysgol Y Castell	Yellow
Carway C.P. School	Yellow	Y.G. Nantgaredig	Yellow
Ysgol Gynradd Ponthenri	Yellow	Ysgol Gymraeg Gwenllian	Yellow
Bancyfelin C.P. School	Yellow	Ysgol Gymraeg Dewi Sant	Yellow
Betws C.P. School	Yellow	Ysgol Gynradd Pontyberem	Yellow
Ysgol Gynradd Ty-croes	Yellow	Bigyn C.P. School	Yellow
Ysgol Gynradd Blaenau	Yellow	Stebonheath C.P. School	Yellow
Cwrt Henri Primary School	Yellow	Ysgol Y Ddwylan	Yellow
Llangadog C.P. School	Yellow	Richmond Park Primary	Yellow
Ysgol Rhys Prichard	Yellow	Ysgol Griffith Jones	Yellow
Ysgol Llys Hywel	Yellow	Ysgol Carreg Hirfaen	Yellow
Ysgol Gynradd Brynsaron	Yellow	Cae'r Felin School	Yellow
Ysgol G. Mynyddygarreg	Yellow	Abergwili Primary School	Yellow
Bryn C.P. School	Yellow	Laugharne V.C.P. School	Yellow
Ysgol Y Bynea	Yellow	Ysgol Llanddarog	Yellow
Dafen Primary School	Yellow	Ferryside V.C.P. School	Yellow
Ysgol Gynradd Pum Heol	Yellow	Ysgol Llanllwni	Yellow
Ysgol Gynradd Llannon	Yellow	St Mary's School (Llanelli)	Yellow
Ysgol Gymraeg Brynsierfel	Yellow	Ysgol Wirfoddol Penboyr	Yellow
Myrddin C.P. School	Yellow	Model Church In Wales	Yellow

School name	Step Three:	School name	Step Three
Ysgol Gynradd Drefach	Amber	Ysgol Hafodwenog	Amber
Pontiets C.P. School	Amber	Cynwyl Elfed School	Amber
Meidrim C.P. School	Amber	Ysgol Bro Brynach	Amber
Ysgol Gynradd Llanedi	Amber	Ysgol Bryn Teg	Amber
Ysgol Gynradd Ffairfach	Amber	Ysgol Bro Banw	Amber
Talley C.P School	Amber	Maes Yr Morfa School	Amber
Llanpumsaint School	Amber	Ysgol Penrhos	Amber
Llanmiloe C.P. School	Amber	Tremoilet V.C.P.	Amber
Old Road C.P. School	Amber	St Mary's Carmarthen	Amber
Ysgol Llansteffan	Amber	Pentip V.A. C.I.W. Primary Sch	Amber
Abernant C.P. School	Amber		

School name	Step Three:
Ysgol y Fro	Red

Carmarthenshire Special School Categorisation 2016-17

School name/ Enw'r ysgol	Step Three:
Ysgol Heol Goffa	Yellow
Ysgol Rhydygors	Amber
Canolfan Y Gors	Amber
Carmarthenshire Secondary Teaching & Learning Centre	Amber