

The 2016 National School Categorisation System Outcomes



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.

What is the three-step process and how does it work?



Standards group

We use a range of information to analyse the school's performance. Schools are placed in one of four standards groups, numbered 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 agreed measures.



Improvement capacity

Regional consortia challenge advisers 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.



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 or red. [See overleaf.](#)



Schools are placed into one of four colour-coded support categories- **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**.

Support for improvement

Least

Most



Least

Most

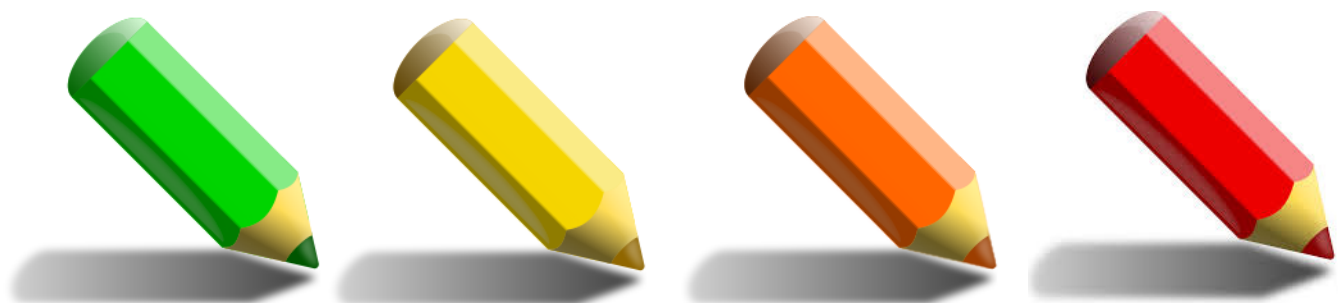
The outcomes of the categorisation system are available on the **My Local School** website.

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.”

This year’s results show that there are fewer schools in Wales in need of the highest levels of support compared to last year. Similarly, there are more schools categorised as needing lower levels of support. In summary:

- the proportion of **green schools** (those needing less support) has increased by 5% in the primary sector and 7% in the secondary sector.
- the proportion of **red schools** (those identified as needing most support) has reduced by 1% in the primary sector and 2% in the secondary sector.
- 84.4% of **primary schools** are now in the **green** and **yellow** categories- an increase of 8.5pp from last year.
- 64.6% of **secondary schools** are now in the **green** and **yellow** categories- an increase of 7.6pp from last year.
- 41% of **special schools** have been categorised as **green**, and needing less support, with only 8% being categorised as **red** and in need of most support

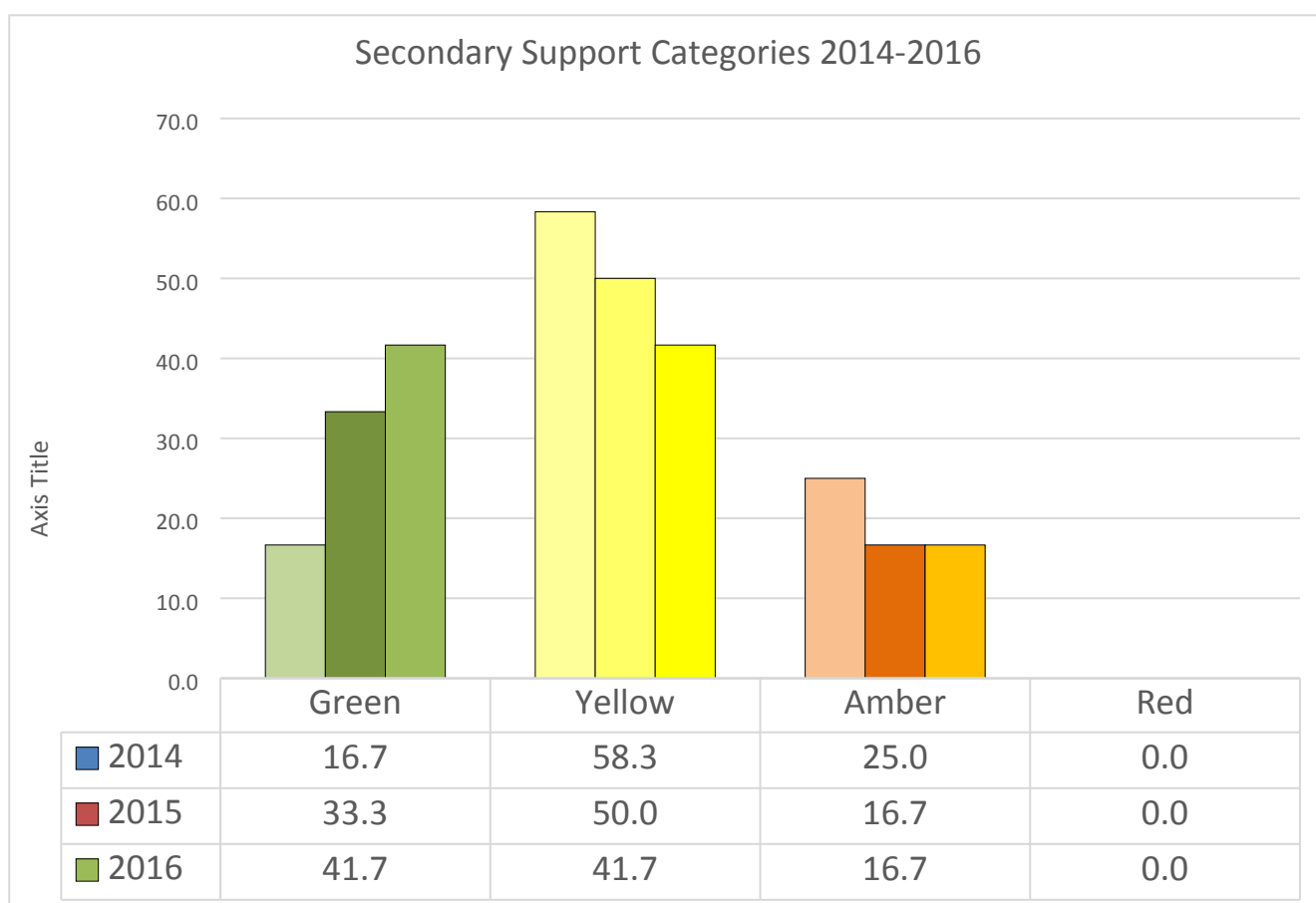


Carmarthenshire Secondary School Categorisation 2016

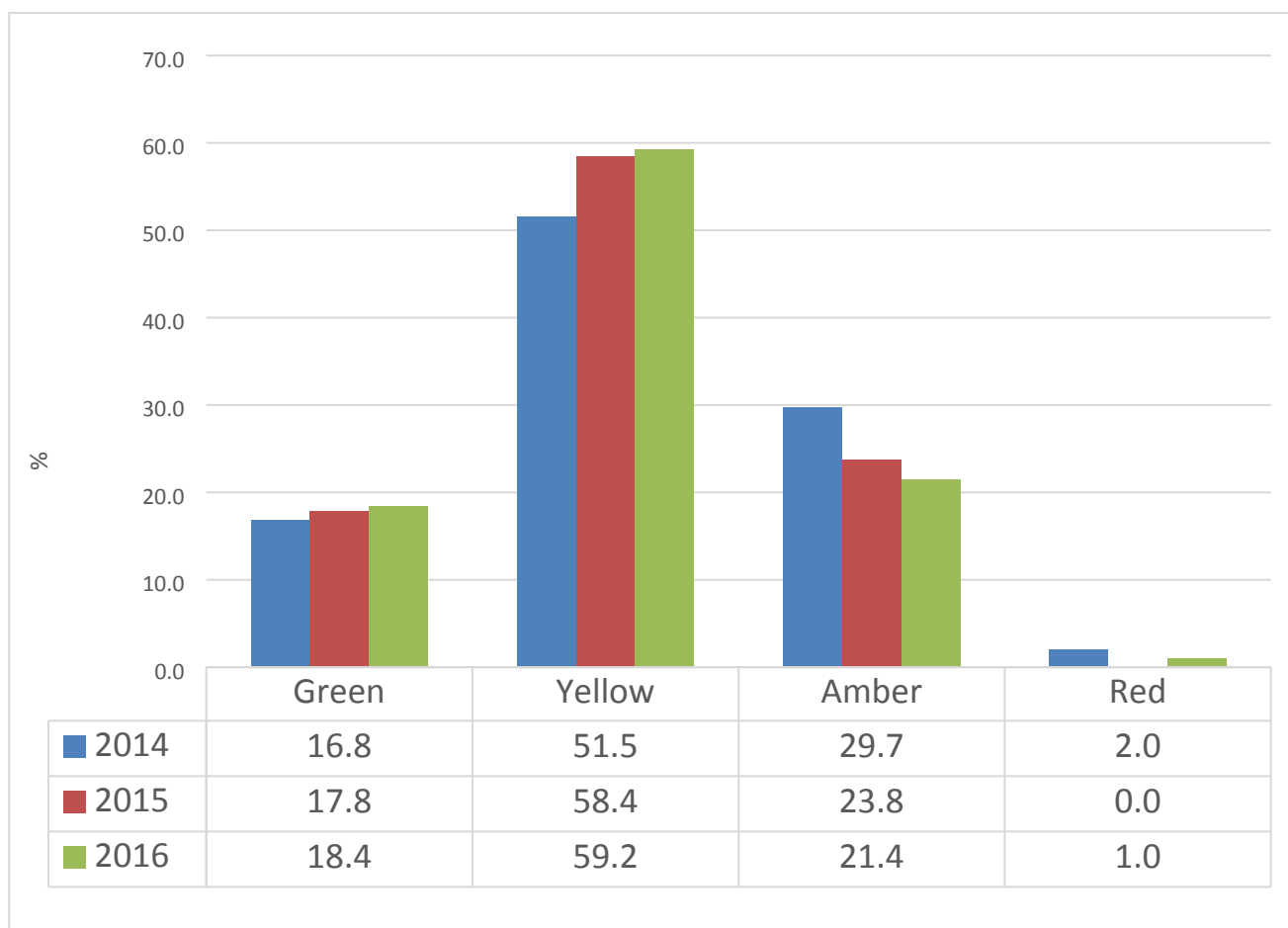
School name	Step Three:	
Ysgol Gyfun Y Strade	Green/Gwyrdd	42%
Ysgol Glan-y-Mor	Green/Gwyrdd	
Ysgol Bro Myrddin	Green/Gwyrdd	
Ysgol St John Lloyd	Green/Gwyrdd	
Ysgol Bro Dinefwr	Green/Gwyrdd	
Ysgol Dyffryn Aman	Yellow/Melyn	42%
Ysgol Coedcae	Yellow/Melyn	
Ysgol Bryngwyn	Yellow/Melyn	
Ysgol Dyffryn Taf	Yellow/Melyn	
Ysgol Maes Y Gwendraeth	Yellow/Melyn	
Ysgol Queen Elizabeth High School	Amber/Oren	16%
Ysgol Gyfun Emlyn	Amber/Oren	

Free school meals (eFSM)

Where a secondary school's performance of eFSM learners is below the agreed minimum standard (32%), the judgement in relation to their standards group will not be assessed as being better than a 3. If other indicators are good, and correlate with a strong consortia assessment at later steps, then a school can be awarded a yellow category at best. Therefore there will be no green schools in Wales who have not met the minimum standard of 32% (three year weighted average) for its free school meals pupils in 2016.



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

School name	Step Three:		
Cefneithin C.P.	Yellow/Melyn	Llangunnor C.P. School	Yellow/Melyn
Maesybont C.P. School	Yellow/Melyn	Trimsaran C.P. School	Yellow/Melyn
Llechyfedach C.P. School	Yellow/Melyn	Ysgol Beca	Yellow/Melyn
Ysgol Gynradd Y Tymbl	Yellow/Melyn	Llandybie C.P. School	Yellow/Melyn
Ysgol Gynradd Gorslas	Yellow/Melyn	Llanybydder C.P. School	Yellow/Melyn
Cross Hands C.P. School	Yellow/Melyn	Llandeilo Primary School	Yellow/Melyn
Llangain C.P. School	Yellow/Melyn	Halfway C.P. School	Yellow/Melyn
Ysgol Gynradd Peniel	Yellow/Melyn	Pwll C.P. School	Yellow/Melyn
Ysgol Gynradd Bancffosfelen	Yellow/Melyn	Penygaer Primary School	Yellow/Melyn
Ysgol Gwynfryn	Yellow/Melyn	Ysgol Y Castell	Yellow/Melyn
Carway C.P. School	Yellow/Melyn	Y.G. Nantgaredig	Yellow/Melyn

Ysgol Gynradd Ponthenri	Yellow/Melyn	Ysgol Gymraeg Gwenllian	Yellow/Melyn
Bancyfelin C.P. School	Yellow/Melyn	Ysgol Gymraeg Dewi Sant	Yellow/Melyn
Betws C.P. School	Yellow/Melyn	Ysgol Gynradd Pontyberem	Yellow/Melyn
Ysgol Gynradd Ty-croes	Yellow/Melyn	Bigyn C.P. School	Yellow/Melyn
Ysgol Gynradd Blaenau	Yellow/Melyn	Stebonheath C.P. School	Yellow/Melyn
Cwrt Henri Primary School	Yellow/Melyn	Ysgol Y Ddwylan	Yellow/Melyn
Llangadog C.P. School	Yellow/Melyn	Richmond Park Primary	Yellow/Melyn
Ysgol Rhys Prichard	Yellow/Melyn	Ysgol Griffith Jones	Yellow/Melyn
Ysgol Llys Hywel	Yellow/Melyn	Ysgol Carreg Hirfaen	Yellow/Melyn
Ysgol Gynradd Brynsaron	Yellow/Melyn	Cae'r Felin School	Yellow/Melyn
Ysgol G. Mynyddygarreg	Yellow/Melyn	Abergwili Primary School	Yellow/Melyn
Bryn C.P. School	Yellow/Melyn	Laugharne V.C.P. School	Yellow/Melyn
Ysgol Y Bynea	Yellow/Melyn	Ysgol Llanddarog	Yellow/Melyn
Dafen Primary School	Yellow/Melyn	Ferryside V.C.P. School	Yellow/Melyn
Ysgol Gynradd Pum Heol	Yellow/Melyn	Ysgol Llanllwni	Yellow/Melyn
Ysgol Gynradd Llannon	Yellow/Melyn	St Mary's School (Llanelli)	Yellow/Melyn
Ysgol Gymraeg Brynsierfel	Yellow/Melyn	Ysgol Wirfoddol Penboyr	Yellow/Melyn
Myrddin C.P. School	Yellow/Melyn	Model Church In Wales	Yellow/Melyn

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

School name	Step Three:
Ysgol y Fro	Red/Coch

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School name/ Enw'r ysgol	Step Three:
Ysgol Heol Goffa	Yellow/Melyn
Ysgol Rhydygors	Oren/Amber