

## **Issue – Class sizes in Scottish primary schools**

### **Headline position**

- Schools should be staffed on a nationally agreed pupil teacher ratio.
- Primary class sizes should be determined at school level – based on locally determined need.
- Schools should have the flexibility to formulate classes in the best interests of the pupils in front of them
- AHDS supports an overall reduction in class sizes

### **Full position**

AHDS would be keen to see a situation where schools were staffed on a pupil teacher ratio of no more than 24:1 (preferably moving to a maximum of 20:1 as soon as practicable). Schools should have the flexibility to formulate their own classes in the best interests of the pupils in the school at that time.

Any pupil with additional support needs should be given a weighting of 4 pupils for the purposes of calculating the staffing entitlement for that school.