

## Display Energy Certificate (DEC) Rating (A to G)

Schools with buildings that have a floor area in excess of 1000m<sup>2</sup> are required to have a Display Energy Certificate (DEC). This was effective from 1st October 2008. DEC's have been introduced to raise public awareness of the actual energy use and energy efficiency of the buildings they visit. A DEC certificate presents the actual energy use of a building on an A-G scale where A is the most energy efficient and G is the least. The certificate is similar to those that are required for fridges and other new white goods.

The DEC has to be displayed in a prominent place visible to the public. It must be updated each year and be accompanied by an 'advisory report' listing measures to improve the performance. This report can last up to seven years before it too will need to be updated, but will not be required to be displayed along with the DEC.