



School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013

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PART 2

STANDARDS

CHAPTER 1

INTERVENTION IN CONDUCT OF MAINTAINED SCHOOLS

Intervention by the Welsh Ministers

16 Power of Welsh Ministers to direct closure of school

- (1) This section applies if the Welsh Ministers have the power to intervene in the conduct of a maintained school on the basis of ground 8 (school requiring special measures).
- (2) The Welsh Ministers may give a direction to the local authority requiring the school to be discontinued on a date specified in the direction.
- (3) Before giving a direction under subsection (2), the Welsh Ministers must consult—
 - (a) the local authority that maintains the school,
 - (b) the governing body of the school,
 - (c) in the case of a foundation or voluntary school—
 - (i) the person who appoints the foundation governors, and
 - (ii) if the school has a religious character, the appropriate religious body, and
 - (d) any other persons the Welsh Ministers consider appropriate.

Status: *This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

- (4) On giving a direction to discontinue the school, the Welsh Ministers must also give notice in writing of the direction to the governing body of the school and its head teacher.
- (5) Where the local authority is given a direction under subsection (2), it must discontinue the school in question on the date specified in the direction; and nothing in Part 3 applies to the discontinuance of the school under this section.
- (6) In this section any reference to the discontinuance of a maintained school is to the local authority ceasing to maintain it.