

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations revoke and re-enact with modifications the Day Care and Child Minding (National Standards) Regulations 2001 which are repealed. They require that a person who is registered under Part XA of the Children Act 1989 (as inserted by the Care Standards Act 2000) to act as a child minder or provide day care meets the requirements of the national standards and has regard to the supporting criteria, as set out in the documents listed in Schedule 1. He must also ensure that corporal punishment is not used by anyone who looks after children (regulation 5). Regulations 4 and 8 also place certain duties and confer certain powers on Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Schools in England in respect of the national standards and supporting criteria, including the power to take criminal proceedings against a person so registered in the circumstances set out in regulations 5, 6, 8 and 10. These Regulations also require that a person so registered notifies Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Schools of the matters specified in Schedule 2, and keeps the records specified in Schedule 3.