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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations amend the Education (School Organisation Proposals) (Wales) Regulations 1999 (SI 1999/1671) (“the Principal Regulations”). The Regulations —

- implement the amendment to section 28 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 made by section 154 of the Education Act 2002; and
- amend the Principal Regulations so as to allow schools to participate in Welsh language pilot schemes approved by the National Assembly for Wales without publishing proposals (regulation 7).

The Regulations prescribe alterations to maintained nursery schools for which local education authorities must publish proposals (regulations 5 and 8).

Regulation 4 re-defines the term “mainstream school” to include maintained nursery schools. This has the effect of

- prescribing information to be contained in published proposals;
- prescribing the manner of publication of proposals;
- prescribing certain matters in respect of objections; and
- prescribing certain matters in relation to modifications,

where proposals relate to maintained nursery schools (regulation 4).

Regulation 9 makes consequential amendments to Schedule 3 of the Principal Regulations (information to be contained in published proposals).

Schedule 4 of the Principal Regulations (information to be provided to the Assembly) applies to proposals about maintained nursery schools by virtue of the amendments to section 28 of the 1998 Act made by section 154 of the 2002 Act and regulation 6 of the Principal Regulations. Regulation 10 amends Schedule 4 of the Principal Regulations to make specific further provision in relation to maintained nursery schools and nursery education to be provided at primary schools that are not nursery schools.