

# School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013

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### PART 2

**STANDARDS** 

## **CHAPTER 3**

# SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GUIDANCE

# 37 Directions

- (1) Subsection (2) applies if, in relation to a policy statement issued by a school authority, the Welsh Ministers consider that the authority's alternative policy for the exercise of functions (in whole or in part) is not likely to improve the standard of education provided at a school to which the policy statement relates.
- (2) The Welsh Ministers may direct the school authority to take any action which the Welsh Ministers consider appropriate for the purpose of securing the exercise of functions by the authority in accordance with the school improvement guidance issued to the authority in accordance with this Chapter.
- (3) A school authority subject to a direction under this section must comply with it.
- (4) This includes a direction to exercise a power or duty that is contingent upon the opinion of the school authority.
- (5) A direction under this section—
  - (a) must be given in writing;
  - (b) may be varied or revoked by a later direction;
  - (c) is enforceable by mandatory order on application by, or on behalf of, the Welsh Ministers.